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SHOGUN SHOW ON EMMY NIGHT

Japanese actress Anna Sawai (L), winner of the Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama Series award for "Shogun", and Japanese actor Hiroyuki Sanada, winner of the Outstanding Lead Actor in a Drama Series award for "Shogun", pose during the 76th Emmy Awards at the Peacock Theatre in Los Angeles on September 15 | AFP | PTI

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪ್ರದೇಶ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಮಂಡಳಿ

ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ನಡೆ - ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಯ ಕಡೆ

ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಭಾಗದ ಕಲಬುರಗಿಯಲ್ಲಿ
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ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ದಿನಾಚರಣೆಗೆ
ಸರ್ವರಿಗೂ ಹಾರ್ದಿಕ ಸ್ವಾಗತ

ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ. ಕೆ. ಶಿವಕುಮಾರ್
ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಉಪ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು,
ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

ಏಕೀಕರಣದ ರೂವಾರಿ
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ಸ್ಥಳ: ಸರ್ದಾರ್ ವಲ್ಲಭಭಾಯಿ ಪಟೇಲ್ ವೃತ್ತ , ಕಲಬುರಗಿ
ಸೆಪ್ಟೆಂಬರ್ 17, 2024| ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 8:30ಕ್ಕೆ

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(2024-25) ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗಾಗಿ

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ಅಲ್ಪಸಂಖ್ಯಾತರ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ
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ಪ.ಜಾ/ಪ.ಪಂ ಗಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗಾಗಿ **₹200 ಕೋಟಿ** ವೆಚ್ಚದಲ್ಲಿ **ಮೊರಾರ್ಜಿ ದೇಸಾಯಿ ವಸತಿ ಶಾಲೆ**ಗಳು, ಮೆಟ್ರಿಕ್ ಪೂರ್ವ ಹಾಗೂ ಮೆಟ್ರಿಕ್ ನಂತರದ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ **ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ ನಿಲಯ**ಗಳ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ

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ಅಕ್ಷರ ಆದಿಪ್ಯಾರ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ **ಎಲ್.ಕೆ.ಜಿ, ಯು.ಕೆ.ಜಿ ಶಾಲೆಗಳು, ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಎಸ್ ಶಾಲೆಗಳ** ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ

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ಉದ್ಯೋಗ ಆದಿಪ್ಯಾರ
ಉದ್ಯೋಗ ಆದಿಪ್ಯಾರ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ
₹10 ಕೋಟಿ ವೆಚ್ಚದಲ್ಲಿ 25,000 ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ತರಬೇತಿ

ಆಡಳಿತ ಸೌಧ
(ಮಿನಿ ವಿಧಾನ ಸೌಧಗಳ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ)
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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ. ಸುಧಾಕರ್, ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಯೋಜನೆ ಸಚಿವರು,
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ಕೆ.ಕೆ.ಆರ್.ಡಿ.ಬಿ ಯ ಪೂರ್ವಭಾವಿ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಿರುವುದು

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ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಪರೇಡ್ ಮೈದಾನ, ಕಲಬುರಗಿ
ಸೆಪ್ಟೆಂಬರ್ 17, 2024| ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 9ಕ್ಕೆ

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• Tuesday: 17.09.2024 • Year: Krodhi • Ayana: Dakshinayana
• Ritu: Varsha • Masa: Bhadrapada • Paksha: Shukla • Tithi: Chaturdasi 10.55 am
• Nakshatra: Sathabhisha 2.18 pm • Moon in Meena Rashi • Rahukaala: 03:00 am to 04:30 am
• Gulikakala: 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm • Yamaganda: 09:00 am to 10:30 am

WEATHER
MIN 19°C | MAX 30°C
FORECAST
Showers late. Afternoon clouds

Sunrise 06.08 am
Sunset 06.19 pm
Moonrise 05.53 pm
Moonset 05.08 am

CLIMATE PLEDGE

Corporates give push to boost EV use

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THE Climate Pledge on Monday announced a new joint action project – JOULE (Joint Operation Unifying Last-mile Electrification) – with its signatories and industry partners that seeks to build a new network of shared electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in Bengaluru.

Co-founded by Amazon and Global Optimism in 2019, 'The Climate Pledge' is a commitment to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2040 – 10 years ahead of the Paris Agreement.

Pledge signatories and partners said they will collectively invest over $2.65 million into the project by 2030. Amazon, Mahindra Logistics, Uber, HCLTech and Magenta Mobility will work together to optimise the usage of the EV charging stations, combining the charging needs of their EV fleets to ensure the infrastructure is well utilised.

As part of this project, the first EV charging station located in Doddakallasandra has become fully operational from Monday, and the project aims to build five more charging stations in Bengaluru by the end of this year, with plans to further expand in order to meet the growing demand for local EV infrastructure.

While the project is estimated to support about 5,500 EVs in Bengaluru by 2030 (based on expected demand), it is able to service about 9,500 EVs at full capacity.

"The joint action will support Bengaluru's goal of having 100% EVs for three-wheelers, cab services, and corporate fleets by 2030," said Sally Fouts, Global Leader, The Climate Pledge.

BBMP workers fill a pothole in Bengaluru on Monday | EXPRESS

POTHOLE-FILLING DEADLINE ENDS, BUT 'CRATERS STILL EXIST'

DKS meeting with officials today; He must go around city, suggest citizens

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As the 15-day deadline imposed by Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar to fill all potholes in the city ended on Monday midnight, the BBMP was seen going full steam with the task.

While citizens accepted that the BBMP was seen filling potholes in their areas and roads that they commute on, they complained that the civic body has a long way to go in making the city pothole-free.

As stated by Shivakumar earlier, let him go around the city and inspect if the BBMP has filled the potholes and take severe action against officials who have failed to do it, citizens demanded, adding that only if some officials are punished, rest of them will fall in line and do their duty diligently.

In response to Shivakumar posting pictures of his recent visit to the United States, especially to the Sky-Deck in New York, many netizens asked him to provide motorable roads for Bengalureans first before thinking of constructing a skydeck for the city.

On Monday, intense pothole-filling work was taken up in Bommanahalli. Zonal Commissioner Ramya, who monitored the work, said it is going on day and night and priority is given to high-density corridors.

Shivakumar shared videos of pothole filling in the city and said the time has come to bid goodbye to potholes in Bengaluru. "On my directions, BBMP officials have taken up the work to fill all potholes in the city," he said.

While there is no official number on the potholes filled till date, BBMP officials said the DCM is expected to meet them on Tuesday where they will give the numbers.

As 30 yrs go by, NAAC to focus on more reforms

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MARKING its 30th Foundation Day, the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) is gearing up for its next milestone with a focus on two major themes under the 'NAAC 30 ++' agenda. The accreditation body will take up the role of promoting a quality assurance system, systematically rolling out reforms, bringing all the institutions under accreditation and expanding into related areas of higher education.

During the celebratory event, Ganesan Kannabiran, Director, NAAC, said, "The core areas include effective implementation of proposed reforms through a 'light but tight' accreditation methodology to assure a threshold level of quality at the national level. We are also ready to launch the binary accreditation in the next few months."

He added that the focus of NAAC in the next five years will be to provide a guided path to higher educational institutions (HEIs) to improve their quality to international levels through a maturity-based framework.

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot announced that the accreditation body will also venture into volunteering, which includes skilling students and youth, starting from Bengaluru. Under the 'NAAC Social Responsibility Cluster' (NSRC), children and youth from underprivileged sections of society will be able to network with students and individuals working in the IT and other leading sectors to get exposure and create a wider talent pool. The first set of collaborations will include Bangalore University, National Law School of India University and Dr BR Ambedkar School of Economics University for specific initiatives. College students will be trained on various aspects to create employability and entrepreneurship through short training programmes and mentorship.

NAAC has set a target of accrediting 90% of the HEIs in the next five years and also hand-holding and mentoring institutes in rural and remote locations.

NAAC Executive Committee Chairman Prof Anil D Sahasrabudhe, S-Vyasa University Chancellor Dr H R Nagendra Guruji and Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot felicitate Chanakya University Chancellor Prof M K Sridhar in Bengaluru on Monday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

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Ganesan Kannabiran, Director, NAAC

NAAC centre for research on its data

PURAN CHOUDHARY @Bengaluru

TO create new value propositions, the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) will set up a research centre for higher education that will provide the right interventions for policy-making and schemes.

Ganesan Kannabiran, Director, NAAC, said the Centre for Research in Higher Education, recently approved by the executive committee, will provide data collected over the years to institutes or agencies on a 'project-to-project basis'.

"For so many years, NAAC has been collecting data from primary sources, but neither government bodies nor agencies have explored the use of such a vital database. Through NAAC funds, we will hire institutions or agencies to analyse this data. The research questions will come from either the government or institutions such as the UGC," he added.

He said the database can be used to figure out the employability of some courses, create qualitative interventions, create focus groups, and much more. "NAAC will first sanitise this data and not reveal any sensitive information such as names and locations of institutions. This centre is part of our long-term plans for the body."

NAAC is also looking at venturing into accrediting courses such as yoga programmes, not just across the country, but also globally. Announcing a collaboration with S-Vyasa University in Bengaluru, the director said, "There is a growing demand to accredit programmes, especially in yoga. There are at least 11 universities in India alone providing PG courses in yoga, and institutes in the USA and other countries are also keen on getting accredited from India."

KFCC prez: We will review 17-point agenda to address sexual exploitation

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LANKESH also announced plans to survey women in the industry, allowing them to anonymously share their experiences if they choose.

NM Suresh stated that the KFCC will explore ways to set up a POSH committee in the Kannada film industry and establish a panel similar to the Hema Committee. "We will review the 17-point agenda presented by the Women's Commission to address sexual and other forms of exploitation in the industry," he said. "A similar committee like the Hema committee can be formed, but it must go through the KFCC."

Sa Ra Govindu told TNIE that he supports the idea of creating a POSH-like committee, but is against forming an external committee like in Kerala.

A heated argument breaks out between KFCC members and women commission chairperson Nagalakshmi Choudhary in Bengaluru on Monday | ALLEN EGENUSE J

"Such a move would harm the Kannada film industry, which has thrived for 90 years. It's not suitable for our industry," he said. "Even the women at the meeting mentioned they haven't faced serious problems. This issue affects many fields, not just film."

Producer Rockline Venkatesh said, "There's no reason to be for or against this; it's a government rule we must respect and follow. The discussion about the Hema Committee caused some division, but such debates are common. We have concerns but are open to their demands."

Engineer's Day at CMR institute

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CMR University School of Engineering and Technology on Monday celebrated Engineer's Day-2024 with the inauguration and orientation for its undergraduate programmes for the academic year 2024-25. The ceremony was presided over by Dr Sabitha Ramamurthy, Chancellor of CMR University, who emphasised the crucial role engineers play in building the nation, and urged students to lead innovation and solve real-world challenges.

CR Parthasarathy, founder of Sarathy Geotech and Engineering Services Pvt Ltd, and Vadeesh Budramane, CEO of AlgoShack Technologies, spoke about the increasing significance of geotechnical engineering in infrastructure development.

Flight announcement before takeoff, landing must be in Kannada: Parishat

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KANNADA Sahitya Parishat president Mahesh Joshi on Monday asked Bangalore International Airport Ltd (BIAL), which operates the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA), to ensure that the first announcement on any flight that lands and takes off from Bengaluru must be in Kannada. He plans to write to the Ministry of Civil Aviation in this connection.

Joshi met Hari Marar, MD & CEO of BIAL, at the airport to discuss initiatives that need to be taken to promote Kannada. He told TNIE, "I asked them to begin this initiative on announcements by Kananada Rajotsava Day (Nov 1) as it takes some time to integrate it into the system. The first announcement on board needs to be in Kannada and other languages can follow later. British Airways and Singapore Airlines have already begun implementing it."

He said airport authorities told him that consent needs to be taken from MoCA. "I will write to the Civil Aviation Ministry immediately," he added.

The Parishat is holding its 87th Akhila Bharatha Kannada Sahitya Sammelana in Mandya from December 20 to 22. "I have asked the airport authorities to put up big welcome display boards in Kannada and create an atmosphere that reflects Karnataka culture and identity," he said. The authorities responded positively, he added.

A BIAL spokesperson said the airport will collaborate with the Parishat to support the event by providing reception desks and photo booths to welcome the delegates. "In addition, the airport will use digital media to display information about the event and through on ground activities engage with passengers to promote Kannada," he said.

Marar said, "BIAL is committed to nurture and promote the language, art and culture of Karnataka."

VTU LAUNCHES 'HUB & SPOKE' INNOVATION CENTRE

Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) and Telecom Centre of Excellence (TCOE) on Monday launched the VTU-TCOE Hub and Spoke of Excellence. The initiative aims to drive innovation in key sectors such as telecommunications, quantum technologies, artificial intelligence, augmented reality, virtual reality, agri-tech, metaverse and healthcare. The Hub and Spoke of Excellence innovation centre will be housed at VTU's regional centre in the city. Leveraging VTU's network of 228 affiliated colleges and over 20,000 professors, the Hub will coordinate cutting-edge research and development, while affiliated colleges (Spokes) will contribute specialised expertise, state-of-the-art labs and resources. ENS

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

17TH September: Cancer is my sign of the day. This means that sensitivity is everything. People who push everyone else around may succeed in the short run, but they'll soon be pretty unpopular. It's much better to be sympathetic to other individuals' feelings and make sure that the world is a much nicer place!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Today's passionate planetary relationships encourage your imagination, but may make it rather difficult for you to keep a grip on the facts. Professional Ariens run the risk of confusion at work, but if you're involved in any artistic or glamorous activity you'll do well.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
You may have been deeply confused by events beyond your control or understanding. Perhaps a dream that is only half-remembered has left you feeling rather uncertain. The truth will burst into the open in a few days' time, so get ready for the consequences.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
There is still a slight risk of arguments, possibly over trivial points and with complete strangers. However, ironically, the only thing that is clear at the moment is that nothing is clear. The advantage is that if you're doing anything which depends on your imagina-tion then you should do better than ever.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
The immediate crisis at work seems to be past, but there remains a danger that colleagues are likely to blow up without warning. The odds are still stacked in your favour, so don't worry. You can use your time profitably by rearranging your spending plans.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
The fiery planet Mars is now passing through a favourable and supportive region of your chart, encouraging friends and partners to go their own way. You will gain from encouraging loved ones to take up new interests rather than attempting to hold them back.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
In your solar chart the radical and philanthropic sign of Aquarius represents your ability to bring an entirely different quality to work, whether paid employment or domestic chores. Right now this indicates that you will find new ways to team up with like-minded people.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
You certainly appear to be living up to your reputation as someone with a rare appreciation of beauty and the finer things of life. This is a time for cultural pursuits and self-indulgence rather than graft. Don't worry, the hard work will come later - all in good time!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Nobody has such a sharp eye for the truth as you. You see, you know exactly how folk in authority are likely to behave. You also realise that it is very difficult for people to fulfil their promises. So, why don't you give them the benefit of the doubt?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
After a lot of near misses or false starts, you may finally be about to achieve a cherished goal. The first requirement, though, is to sort out the continuing complications dogging your financial affairs. In matters of the heart, keep talking: if you don't tell loved ones what's going on, then they can't be blamed for not knowing how you feel.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
You Capricorns are not known for your emotional sensitivity, yet like all of us you have changed and come to appreciate that to be more open with your feelings leads to improvements all round. You may soon be experien-cing sensations that you never knew existed!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Having stood your ground over career matters and worldly ambitions, you must now realise that there are periods to go it alone and moments to bend to other people's desires. Everything hinges around your sense of timing; so watch, wait and make sure you pick the perfect moment.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You may be feeling unsettled in your current surroundings. Loved ones are waiting for you to make a decisive move, but nobody is yet sure what is the correct step to take. You may have to wait another week or so before the dust settles and you feel clear about the next phase.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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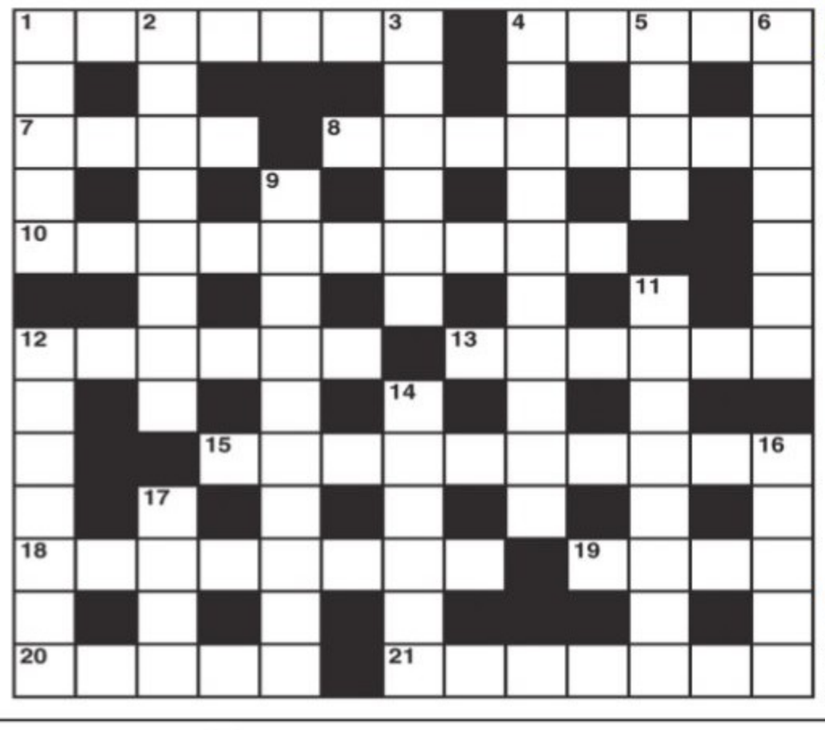
Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Reduce numbers allowed when in deep trouble (7)
4 A sailor returns a set of maps (5)
7 Mark - of distinction? (4)
8 Obscure saint one takes to be a Balt (8)
10 Are such races never close? (4,6)
12 Say your piece? (6)
13 Possibly score a hundred in football game (6)
15 An igloo as a defensive position (10)
18 Clearly evident insect inside weed (8)
19 He's found in the romantic lead (4)
20 Go on the stage in sudden terror (5)
21 Great to have a change. It's stifling! (7)

DOWN
1 Wild dog in Australia (5)
2 A woman's resignation (8)
3 Bearing a flower in March or April (6)
4 It indicates I will be missing from 'Who's Who' (10)
5 Place where cubs may be left warm and dry (4)
6 Summoned for misappropriation of rents (4,3)
9 Surely not live rat in an air freshener! (10)
11 Butcher's order for a composer (8)
12 Fall back as regiment begins to go by (7)
14 In a temporary role on stage (6)
16 Take sweetheart and run (5)
17 Stag heard organ's essential feature (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Reservation, 9 Lockers, 10 Issue, 11 Calf, 12 Deputies, 14 Roamed, 16 Length, 18 Charisma, 19 Abel, 22 Arena, 23 Unaware, 24 Freethinker.

Down: 2 Excel, 3 Eden, 4 Vessel, 5 Tributes, 6 Ousting, 7 Electrician, 8 Leaseholder, 13 Hesitate, 15 Amateur, 17 Ambush, 20 Brace, 21 Lawn.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

EPSTW

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EBNODY

Did you see the defendant take this picnic basket?
Yes, I did! I went and told the ranger. It just makes us all look bad.
THEY CALLED THE GRIZZLY TO THE STAND TO ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: WHILE SWEET WIGGLE FELINE
Answer: She changed what she ate and began exercising because she wanted a — NEW "WEIGH" OF LIFE

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi at an exhibition during the 4th Global Renewable Energy Investors Meet and Expo (RE-INVEST), in Gandhinagar on Monday | PTI

INDIA BEST BET FOR 21ST CENTURY, SAYS PM

India is unique in terms of diversity, scale, capacity, potential as well as performance and the world feels the country is the best bet for the 21st century, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Monday. When the history of the 21st century will be written, the chapter of India's solar revolution will be written in golden letters, the PM said in his address at the 4th edition of Global Renewable Energy Investors Meet and Expo in Gandhinagar.

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Mohan Charan Majhi
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Kodagu police seized 22 kg beef from three estate labourers from Assam near Attur. The three accused were waiting for a transport near Attur when the police confronted them. The accused were trying to sell the meat at Gonikoppa market

LPG explosion: 4 injured, 12 houses damaged

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FOUR people, including a woman and a child, were injured and 12 houses were damaged in an LPG gas cylinder explosion at a residence in 2nd Cross, Sanjay Gandhi Nagar, in old Baiyappanahalli Road on Monday morning. The victims have been identified as Annadurai (40), in whose house the gas blast occurred, his neighbour Bindersh (40), his wife Rekha (30), and their 10-year-old daughter. No casualties were reported in the incident.

The blast occurred at 6.50 am, at Annadurai's house, causing injuries to him and his neighboring family. The explosion severely damaged four neighbouring houses and caused partial damage to eight other houses. Items inside the affected house and a parked vehicle were also damaged. Preliminary investigations stated that the explosion was caused by a gas leak. Following the incident, local residents alerted the fire and emergency services The Banswadi fire tender extinguished the fire. The Baiyappanahalli police have recorded the statement of Annadurai, and further investigations are on.

FRAMED IN NDPS CASE, MAN SEEKS JUSTICE

2nd case filed few months later; his family endured mental distress

RAKSHITH GOWDA @Bengaluru

IN a bizarre case, a 44-year-old private firm employee found himself in a trap, facing false accusations under the Narcotics Drugs and Substances (NDPS) Act by the Devarajeevanahalli (DJ) Halli police. What began as a legal battle, escalated into a full-blown assault on Murali R's dignity and mental well-being.

Murali, a resident of Chikkabanaswadi, told TNIE that the ordeal started on December 8, 2022, when two police officers in mufti detained him at his office in Indiranagar. They searched his scooter for drugs, and later planted a drug packet on the scooter's floor when they reached the DJ Halli police station. When he questioned them about it, they treated him with indifference and confined him for hours in a dark room.

The officers recorded his residential address and took him to a private hospital for medical examination, and instructed him to return the next day. However, when he went back, the inspector was absent, and he received no further communication. He questioned how DJ Halli police could detain him when his jurisdiction fell under Banaswadi police station, and he had no prior involvement in drug-related activities.

The episode marked the beginning of Murali's struggles. He endured severe humiliation and mental distress, exacerbated by a personal crisis -- a domestic violence case filed by his wife against him and his family at Banaswadi Police Station, after a separation of almost 13 years. His elderly parents suffered greatly, both emotionally and financially, due to the situation.

Murali continued with his life, but more troubles surfaced on October 12, 2023, when three police officers arrived at his house, accusing him of absconding in connection with an NDPS case filed against him in May 2023 — a case of which he had no prior knowledge.

Murali said he was produced before court, where he pleaded with the judge that he had not absconded but had been going to work. He produced his attendance report to the court, which granted bail, and the hearing continued. The Civil and Sessions Special Judge for NDPS noted that Murali had never absconded, as he had attended work, and police had not visited his residence before his arrest. Moreover, no notice under Section 41A of the CrPC had been issued. The investigating agency had not taken any steps to secure him during the probe. The court acquitted Murali on March 30, 2023.

Despite his attempts to seek justice through the Commissioner of Police and Deputy Commissioner of Police - East, his complaints went unanswered. Frustrated, he escalated his fight by filing petitions with the Governor of Karnataka and Karnataka Human Rights Commission, demanding an investigation into his wrongful framing in the NDPS case.

In his petition to the Governor, reviewed by TNIE, Murali included copies of his court release order, complaints to the DCP East, and newspaper articles about inspector Prakash's previous misconduct. The inspector had a troubling history, including being suspended for selling a seized vehicle, and allegations of accepting a bribe of Rs 1 crore while serving in the CCB.

FESTIVE VIBES

People take out a procession on Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi to mark the birth anniversary of Prophet Mohammad on Tannery Road in Bengaluru on Monday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

EXPRESS READ

Milaap releases handbook to assist patients

Bengaluru: To help people seeking medical treatment in Bengaluru, Milaap- a medical crowdfunding platform, introduced a handbook titled, 'Making Healthcare Accessible in Bengaluru: A Caretaker's Handbook'. This comprehensive guide, available in English, Kannada, Hindi, and Bengali, aims to ease the process of navigating the city's extensive healthcare network. The handbook addresses various challenges faced by patients and their families, providing detailed information on tertiary care hospitals, accommodation options, transportation, medicine and drugs, medical equipment, ambulance services and second opinion expert consultations. The handbook covers additional aspects such as counselling and palliative care services, and blood banks. It also includes essential contact details, rental information, distances between key locations, and other critical factors that individuals must know when seeking medical services in the city. The handbook was officially launched by Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao, who appreciated the initiative and introduction of this healthcare handbook, which will assist people seeking information on health facilities, including hospitals, pharmacies, ambulances, and nearby accommodations.

Man kills friend over old rivalry

Bengaluru: A 21-year-old youth was stabbed to death by his friend over an old rivalry. The incident happened in Kaveri Nagar in the Banashankari police station limits, on Monday. The deceased Vikram (21), a painter and the accused Wasim (29), a carpenter were residents of Kaveri Nagar. The police said that around 3.30 pm, while Vikram was speaking to his friends, Wasim stabbed him with a knife and fled the scene. His friends and passersby rushed him to a nearby hospital, but Vikram succumbed to his injuries during the treatment. After the family filed a complaint, the police arrested Wasim, who said he had an old rivalry with Vikram. The accused is in custody, and further investigations are on

IN PUBLIC VIEW

Youth forced to strip, run naked; video goes viral

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IN a horrific incident, a rowdy sheeter forced a youth to strip in the middle of the road and run naked. The incident, which allegedly occured about a month ago, came to light only on Monday after the video of the incident went viral.

The accused has been identified as Pavan (28), a rowdy sheeter from Rajagolpanagar police station who has multiple cases against him at various police stations. Police said that due to internal differences between Pavan and his associates, one of his aides released the video of the incident on social media. The video, which is suspected to be a month and half old shows Pavan forcing a youth to strip in the middle of the road and run naked. The victim has not approached the police to file a complaint. The police, however, are investigating into the matter and are on the lookout for both Pavan and the victim.

Meanwhile, on Sunday night, the same rowdy sheeter assaulted a man, identified as Vishwas, in Srinivasapura in the Kamakshipalya police station limits.

Speaking to reporters, Deputy Commissioner of Police (West) S Girish said that Pavan assaulted Vishwas as the former thought that the latter and his friend were sharing information with the police about his activities. Pavan attacked Vishwas with a weapon, causing minor injuries. On Monday, Vishwas filed a complaint with the Kamakshipalya police regarding the assault. Further investigations are on.

Voluntary transfers can affect promotions: HC

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SETTING aside the order of a single judge permitting the claim to seniority for promotion among employees of Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation (KPTCL), a division bench of the Karnataka High Court said an employee who is transferred to another circle on his own request, cannot be permitted to march over seniority positions in the transferred circle cadre.

The bench said the employee was transferred to a different circle from the parent circle with his consent, on the undertaking of giving up seniority in the circle where he is

transferred.

A division bench of Chief Justice NV Anjaria and Justice KV Aravind passed the order while allowing the appeal filed by KPTCL, challenging the order dated March 21, 2023, passed by a single judge on the petition filed by mechanic Naveen Kumar S (Grade-II), Bescom, and six others.

Noting that the single judge overlooked the material aspect and misdirected himself both in law and on facts, the division bench said the petitioners who got a transfer on request to another circle, in light of the regulations and cadre position, cannot claim seniority over the employees in the transferred circle for the purpose of promotion. Seniority for the purpose of promotion cannot be mixed up in two circle cadres. As per their own undertaking, they had given up such a claim, said the division bench, citing the Karnataka Electricity Board Employees Seniority Regulations.

The division bench stated that the Supreme Court observed that "an employee who is transferred to another collectorate does not lose his/her past service for the purpose of considering his/her eligibility.

But, if such transfer is voluntary or unilateral on condition that he/she will be placed at the bottom of the seniority list in the transferee department, the said condition would bind him/her and he/she cannot claim seniority over the employees in the transferee department". Therefore, a government servant who is transferred on a personal request will have to forego seniority, the bench said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have entered into an agreement to purchase the Schedule property from its Owners: **SMT. LAVANYA RAMAKANTH** and her husband **SRI. R. RAMAKANTH**, S/o Late T.V. Ramakrishna, both residing at: No.45, 1st Main, 4th Stage, BEML Layout, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bangalore-560098.

Apart from the said Owners, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title and or interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule Property by the aforesaid Owners, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within **14 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the immovable Property bearing Municipal No.57 (Old No.39/57), PID No.50-25-57, measuring East to West 15.6 feet and North to South 29.6 feet, with a building thereon, situated at Surveyor Street, Basavanagudi, Bangalore, within the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.143 - Visveshwarapuram Ward and bounded on:

East by : Private Property bearing No.40,
West by : Private Property bearing No.38,
North by : Private Property bearing No.38,
South by : Road.

Sd/- **S.F. GOUTAM CHAND**
Advocate
GOUTAM ASSOCIATES
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560 004.

BANARAS LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, VARANASI-221004

Bid No.: E-52/2024-25 **Date: 13.09.2024**

E-TENDERS

E-Tenders are invited for & on behalf of the President of India for the supply of following items. Only e-offer will be accepted for which vender must have Class III Digital Signature and registration on IREPS. The details of tenders are in the following sequence S.No. - Tender No. (Due Date), Description and Quantity. **S.No.: 1.** 01231195D (25.09.2024), Tube ASM, PL No. 16060155, 32 Nos., **2.** 01241103 (23.09.2024), Long Life Secondary Fuel Filter Element, PL No. 10052331,16 Nos., **3.** 01231044B (30.09.2024), Turbo charger with adaptation kit, PL No. 10084009, 1 No., **4.** 03240112 (21.11.2024), Set of Insulating Base for WAG-09HC, PL No. 29720977, 469 sets, **5.** 03241758B (04.10.2024), Coupling 3" Flex, PL No. 17280825, 1641 Nos., **6.** 03242486 (25.09.2024), Set of Brass Fitting for KAVACH, PL No. 29611994, 100 sets, **7.** 03242487 (25.09.2024), Set of Isolating Cock for KAVACH, PL No. 29163341, 100 sets, **8.** 04245013A (19.09.2024), Vertical Hydraulic Damper to PL No. 17660269, 98 Nos., **9.** 04241676 (09.10.2024), Half Cylinder Wear to PL No. 17453458, 1852 Nos., **10.** 04241677 (15.10.2024), Rubber Spring ASM to PL No. 17020293, 3574 Nos., **11.** 06241123A (30.09.2024), Strain Relief, PL No. 18330514, 754 Nos., **12.** 06241845 (05.12.2024), Load Resistor to Primary Voltage Transformer, PL No. 29650010, 609 Nos., **13.** 06241867 (02.12.2024), Roof Line Insulator, PL No. 29810139, 5780 Nos., **14.** 06241054A (01.10.2024), Cooling Fan for Cab, PL No. 18650016, 10 Nos., **15.** 10241369 (03.10.2024), Inlet Tube ASM to PL No. 16050253, 4391 Nos., **16.** 10241418 (22.10.2024), Gear Upper Idler Assembly to PL No. 16060519, 1503 Nos., **17.** 08241544D Global Tender (14.10.2024), Bolt Special, PL No. 19011167, 6987 Nos., **18.** 10231875A (10.10.2024) Fuel Filter ASM, PL No. 16050174, 27 Nos. The complete details of above tenders are available on **www.blw.indianrailways.gov.in** and **www.ireps.gov.in**. **CORRIGENDUM : 19. Bid No.:** E-49/2024-25, **Tender No.:** 01231064F Bearing Ball Part No. 16150296, Revision-01, **Existing due date :** 19.09.2024, **Revised due date:** 13.09.2024, **20. Bid No.:** E-46/2024-25, **Tender No.:** 04245010 (06.09.2024), Revision-1, **Existing due date :** 06.09.2024, **Revised due date:** 23.09.2024, **21. Bid No.:** E-36, **Tender No.:** 08241265, Revision-1, **Existing due date :** 12.09.2024, **Revised due date:** 20.09.2024, **22. Bid No.:** E-34, **Tender No.:** 08241302, Revision-3, **Existing due date :** 13.09.2024, **Revised due date:** 20.09.2024, **23. Bid No.:** E-35, **Tender No.:** 08241280, Revision-1, **Existing due date :** 16.09.2024, **Revised due date:** 25.09.2024, **24. Bid No.:** E-36, **Tender No.:** 08241287, Revision-1, **Existing due date :** 17.09.2024, **Revised due date:** 24.10.2024. **NOTE:** All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged for above tenders.

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/blwvaranasi "Website : http://blw.indianrailways.gov.in"

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is inform and whatsoever it may concern that my client has intending to purchase the schedule Property from its present owner viz., **Sri.Keshava.R**, S/o. Ramachandrappa, aged about 39 years, R/at.Mandibele Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.

If any third party/s Person/s has/have any manner of right, title, interest, demand, clients, charges or lien over the schedule property they are hear by requested to file the objections to this sale transaction or mortgage of said property to the financial intuitions/Bank/third parties and shell informed/said object the same in writing along with the photocopies, related such claims, objections through the RPAD with the under mentioned address within 10 days from the publication of this notice.

If no valid claim/objections are received by the undersigned as aforesaid, my client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction deeming that apart from the aforesaid owner no one else has/have any manner of right or claim or interest whatsoever over the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No.1: All that piece & parcel of **Un-developed Residential Converted land bearing Sy.No.498, measuring an extent of 0-19 Guntas, (Conversion Order No.189816 dated 15.12.2020 order passed by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Rural District) situated at Vijayapura Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.**

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of the immovable **Un-Developed Residential converted property bearing Sy. No.497, measuring 1 Acre 33 guntas, (Conversion No.189817 dated 10.12.2020 issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Rural District), situated at Vijayapura Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.**

Item No.3: All that piece & parcel of **Un-developed Residential Converted land bearing Sy.No.461, measuring an extent of 2 acres, (Conversion Order No.529875 dated 20.09.2023 order passed by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Rural District) situated at Vijayapura Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.**

Item No.4: All that piece and parcel of the immovable **Un-Developed Residential converted property bearing Sy. No.486, measuring 2 Acres, (Conversion No.494699 dated 15.05.2023 issued by Deputy commissioner, Bangalore Rural District), situated at Vijayapura Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.**

Item No.5: All that piece & parcel of Agricultural Dry land in **Sy. No. 159/P2 measuring 2 acres, situated at Vijayapura Village, Vijaypura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.**

Item No.6: All that piece & parcel of Agricultural Dry land in **Sy. No. 159/P4 measuring 2 acres, situated at Vijayapura Village, Vijaypura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District**

Item No.7: All that piece and parcel of the immovable **Un-Developed Residential converted property bearing Sy. No.162/1, measuring 2 Acres 37 guntas, (Conversion No.LAND10007026 dated 28.08.2024 issued by Deputy commissioner, Bangalore Rural District), situated at Mandibele Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.**

Item No.8: All that piece and parcel of the immovable **Un-Developed Residential converted property bearing Sy. No.162/2, measuring 0-35 guntas, (Conversion No.427148 dated 16.03.2023 issued by Deputy commissioner, Bangalore Rural District), situated at Mandibele Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.**

Item No.9: All that piece and parcel of the immovable **Un-Developed Residential converted property bearing Sy. No.162/3, measuring 0-35 guntas, (Conversion No.427149 dated 16.03.2023 issued by Deputy commissioner, Bangalore Rural District), situated at Mandibele Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.**

Item No.10: All that piece and parcel of the immovable **Un-Developed Residential converted property bearing Sy. No.135, measuring 2 Acres, (Conversion No.190384 dated 10.12.2020 issued by Deputy commissioner, Bangalore Rural District), situated at Mandibele Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.**

Item No.11: All that piece and parcel of the immovable **Un-Developed Residential converted property bearing Sy. No.114/1, measuring 0-29 guntas, (Conversion 195339 dated 10.12.2020 issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Rural District), situated at Chikkatathamangala Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.**

Item No.12: All that piece and parcel of the immovable **Un-Developed Residential converted property bearing Sy. No.114/2, measuring 1 acre 11 guntas, (Conversion 396139 dated 08.09.2022 issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Rural District), situated at Chikkatathamangala Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.**

Item No.13: All that piece and parcel of the immovable **Un-Developed Residential converted property bearing Sy. No.138, measuring 2 Acres, (Conversion No.DMD398024965298F dated 26.07.2019 issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Rural District), situated at Chikkatathamangala Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.**

Item No.14: All that piece and parcel of the immovable **Un-Developed Residential converted property bearing Sy. No.120, E-Katha No.150300200101220615, Property No.196/120, measuring 4 Acres 38 guntas, (20032.00 Sq Meters) (Conversion No.292352 dated 13.01.2022 issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Rural District), situated at Chikkatathamangala Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.**

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OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-I/II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BANGALORE (DRT 2)
Government of India Ministry of Finance Department of Financial Services
Debt Recovery Tribunal-II Karnataka (Bengaluru) 4th Floor,
Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru, Pincode-560001

DEMAND NOTICE

FORM NO.14
[See Regulation 33(2)]
By Regd. A/D, Dasti failing which by Publication

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.

RC/396/2023 IN **OA No.739/2021**

UNION BANK OF INDIA
Versus
SRI SHAIK ABDUL KAREEM AND OTHERS

To

(CH) Union Bank of India, Jayanagar Branch, 22nd Cross, 9th A Main, 3rd Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore, Karnataka-560011. ...Certificate Holder

VS

(CD 1) Sri Shaik Abdul Kareem S/o Sri Abdul Rasheed, No 39, 2nd Floor, 7th Main, Byrasandra, Jayanagar East, Bangalore, Karnataka-560011
(CD 2) Smt. Shaik Safiya Begum W/o Sri Shaik Abdul Kareem, No. 39, 2nd Floor, 7th Main, Byrasandra, Jayanagar East, Bangalore, Karnataka-560011.
(CD 3) PNR Builders and Developers Unit of Narasimha Enterprises Partner: G. Rambabu, No. 751, Ground Floor, 60th Cross, 5th Block. Near Bhashyam Circle, Rajajinagar, Bangalore. Karnataka-560010 ...Certificate Debtors

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, **Debts Recovery Tribunal Bangalore (DRT 2)** in **OA/739/2021** an amount of **Rs. 75,35,668/- (Rupees Seventy Five Lakhs Thirty Five Thousands Six Hundred Sixty Eight Only)** along with pendentellite and future interest @ 10.85% Compound Interest Monthly w.e.f. **31/03/2021** till realization and costs of **Rs.1,14,005/-** (Rupees One Lakh Fourteen Thousands Five Only) has become due against you jointly and severally.

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts and Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.
3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.
4. Your hereby order to appear before the undersigned within 15days from this notice.
5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:
(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: **16.11.2023.**

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 to the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act, 1961 read with Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 (Amended from time to time) which is reproduced as under: "Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the debts recovery officer nor shall be any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.
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Recovery Officer
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangalore (DRT 2)

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DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BANGALORE (DRT 2)
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Debt Recovery Tribunal-II Karnataka (Bengaluru)
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RC/551/2023 IN **OA No.775/2018**

UNION BANK OF INDIA
Versus
MR ASLAM PASHA AND OTHERS

To

(CH) Union Bank of India, Branch Office at: BTM Layout, No.9, 100 Ft Ring Road, BTM Layout, Opp Water Tank Bangalore-560029 Karnataka. **...Certificate Holder**

VS

(CD 1) Mr Aslam Pasha S/o Mohammed Rasheed, No.16, 5th Cross, SRK Garden, Jayanagar Bangalore-560041.
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This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, **Debts Recovery Tribunal Bangalore (DRT 2)** in **OA/775/2018** an amount of **Rs.49,01,582/- (Rupees Forty Nine Lakhs One Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty Two Only)** along with pendentellite and future interest @ 15.15% Compound Interest Monthly w.e.f. **22/05/2018** till realization and costs of **Rs.52,005/-** (Rupees Fifty Two Thousands Five Only) has become due against you jointly and severally.

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WINNING ACT: INDIA STORM INTO FINAL BEATING SOUTH KOREA

India's unbeaten run continued at the Asian Champions Trophy as they eased past Korea to enter the finals against hosts China on Monday

SKIPPER SIZZLES WITH THE STICK AGAIN

Captain Harmanpreet Singh continued with his sizzling form, finding the net twice to help India beat South Korea comprehensively 4-1. Uttam Singh and Jarmanpreet Singh were the other goal scorers. In the final, the defending champions will take on China who defeated Pakistan in the other semifinal via penalty shootout

INDIA YET TO CONCEDE MORE THAN A GOAL

- In their first major tournament since the retirement of veteran goalkeeper P R Sreejesh, India have not conceded more than a goal. Goalkeepers Krishan Pathak and Suraj Karkera have done well
- Pakistan and Korea will face off in the third place classification match, which will also be played on Tuesday | **P13**

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SUPREME COURT HEARING TODAY

The Supreme Court is expected to further hear on Tuesday a case it has initiated on its own following the rape and murder of a resident doctor at RG Kar in Kolkata

36TH DAY OF PROTEST BY JUNIOR DOCTORS

The protesting junior doctors continued their sit-in outside Swasthya Bhawan for the eight successive day and the cease work for the 36th day

Junior doctors protesting against the rape-murder in Kolkata on Monday | PTI

Axe falls on Kolkata's top cop

Didi accepts demand of agitating doctors after first meeting; 2 other babus to be replaced

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kolkata

WEST Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday accepted three of the five demands of the agitating junior doctors, including the transfers of Kolkata police commissioner Vineet Kumar Goyal, following their first meeting at her Kalighat residence to resolve the RG Kar standoff.

A new commissioner of Kolkata Police will be announced at 4 pm on Tuesday, she said. Mamata had earlier refused to budge on shifting him, reasoning she needed him till the puja festival is over. But "Goyal did not wish to continue in his position," she informed. "We have decided to remove Kolkata Police's deputy commissioner of north division as well," she added.

She also accepted the demand to replace the director of health services and the director of medical education. As for the other demands, a panel headed by Chief Secretary Manoj Pant will look into them, she said and urged the medicos to end their agitation.

Mamata claimed the talks were fruitful as nearly 99% of the demands were accepted while reiterating that no punitive action will be taken against the doctors who join duty.

After four unsuccessful attempts, protesting junior doctors participated in the meeting that was scheduled at 5 pm but began at 6.50 pm and ended around 9 pm. Both sides took two more hours to finalise the minutes of the meeting.

"Forty-two agitating doctors and chief secretary Manoj Pant signed the minutes of the meeting," Mamata said. Both sides got copies of the minutes.

The medicos have been on protest demanding justice for the rape-murder of a trainee physician at the RG Kar Medical College on August 9. Escorted by a pilot police vehicle, the junior doctors arrived at Mamata's home at 6.20 pm.

Meanwhile, the CBI interrogated RG Kar's former principal Sandip Ghosh and police officer Abhijit Mondal together in connection with the rape and murder case. They were asked about their activities on August 9 immediately after they learnt about the death. **P10**

I would appeal to the junior doctors to come and sit for the talks. Every issue can be resolved through discussions. And we must strive to find a solution —Mamata Banerjee

AAP may name new Delhi CM today; Kejri huddles with PAC

ANUP VERMA @ New Delhi

A day after suddenly announcing his decision to resign, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Monday held consultations with members of the AAP's Political Affairs Committee (PAC) on naming his successor. Sources said a meeting of the legislative party will be held on Tuesday morning, where the final decision will be announced.

"Today the CM had called a meeting of the PAC, in which all the cabinet ministers and senior party leaders were present. He discussed with everyone about the new CM. On Tuesday, there will be a meeting of the legislative party, in which the discussions will be taken to the second stage," party leader and cabinet minister Saurabh Bhardwaj said.

CM TO MEET GUV AT 4.30 PM

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal will meet Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena at 4.30 pm on Tuesday. He is likely to tender his resignation during the meeting

During the PAC meeting at Kejriwal's residence, the CM held one-on-one talks with senior leaders, taking their individual feedback on the next chief minister, Bhardwaj said.

Names of Kejriwal's wife Sunita and ministers Atishi, Gopal Rai and Kailash Gahlot are doing the rounds.

Kejriwal, who was released from the jail on Friday after the Supreme Court granted him bail in the Delhi excise policy scam, said on Sunday that he will resign as chief minister in two days. He had added that the party will name his replacement in the next two-three days.

Meanwhile, the Delhi BJP president Virender Sachdeva said Kejriwal's decision to resign was due to compulsion and not a matter of principle.

"The decision to resign was a compulsion for Arvind Kejriwal, not driven by principle. The Supreme Court has clearly pointed out that he cannot go to his office, cannot sign any file, then what choice did Kejriwal have?" Sachdeva said.

He said Kejriwal has been talking about meeting the people since Sunday, but the BJP challenges him to go before the women of Delhi after having pushed millions of families into alcohol addiction.

MAN WITH RIFLE AIMED AT DON AS HE PLAYED GOLF

AGENCIES

TWO months after a gunman's bullet nicked his right ear, former US President Donald Trump was the target of yet another apparent assassination attempt on Sunday, the Federal Bureau of Investigation said.

Authorities said a man armed with AK-47 was hiding in shrubbery about 400 yards to 500 yards away from Trump as the former president played golf at Trump International Golf Club in West Palm Beach. One of the Secret Service agents noticed the barrel of a rifle pointing out of shrubbery and the force opened fire in the direction of the lurking gunman.

Upon hearing gunshots, the suspect fled the scene in a vehicle and was arrested shortly. No shots were fired at Trump. In his first reaction to the incident, Trump said, "Fear not! I am safe and well, and no one was hurt. Thank God!"

US media named Ryan Wesley Routh as the suspected gunman. He was charged with possession of a firearm as a convicted felon and possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number at his initial court appearance on Monday. Routh was convicted in 2002 for possession of a machine gun. He had voiced support for Ukraine and had been critical of Trump. Cellphone records show he spent about 12 hours near the golf course before being confronted.

Fear not! I am safe and well, and no one was hurt. Thank God!

Donald Trump, former US president

The incident has once again put the spotlight on Secret Service. Weighing in on the matter, President Joe Biden said the Secret Service needed more help to perform its duties. **P11**

The suspect, following his arrest in Martin County, Florida, on Sunday | AFP

HC grants bail to 4 accused in Gauri murder case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court granted bail to four accused, who allegedly conspired to murder journalist and progressive thinker Gauri Lankesh.

Justice S Vishwajith Shetty passed the order recently to release them with conditions. Accused numbers 6, 9, 13 and 16 – Bharat Jayawant Kurane of Belagavi district, Srikanth Pangarkar of Maharashtra, Sujith Kumar of Shivamogga district and Sudhanva Gondhalekar of Maharashtra, respectively -- were granted bail.

The accused had been booked under provisions of the Indian Arms Act, the Karnataka Control of Organised Crimes Act and IPC by the Rajarajeshwari Nagar police in 2017. They were in judicial custody since 2018.

The Supreme Court has stated that when the trial is not proceeding for reasons not attributable to the accused, the court, unless there are good reasons, may well grant bail to the accused. Referring to the apex court order, the high court noted that the state government and the complainant had challenged the bail granted by the high court to Mohan Nayak N, accused No 11, who was part of the conspiracy to eliminate Gauri Lankesh before the Supreme Court.

The apex court, dismissing the special leave petitions filed by them, noted that the prosecution is still required to examine about 100 chargesheet witnesses and refused to interfere with the high court order granting bail. The petitioners also stand almost on the same footing, the high court said.

Gadag villages turning into old age homes

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @ Gadag

SOME villages in Gadag district are turning into old age homes because of a large-scale migration of youth and able bodied men to big cities and towns in search of jobs.

Employment is hard to come by here as there are no industries in these parts. Also, heavy rainfall this year, and loss of two successive crops have forced the youth to move to cities in search of livelihood. Extreme low wages is the other reason for the migration.

Though villagers are normally busy in their farms during this time of the year, they are sitting idle now due to heavy rainfall. With the youth and men gone, these villages wear a deserted look, with senior citizens huddled inside their homes. To find a solution to the employment problem, hundreds of farmers from Halligudi and surrounding villages have offered 1,500 acres of land for industries to set up shop here. In 2011, steel major POSCO dropped plans to start a plant here because of lack of political initiative and other hurdles. The steel plant was to come up in over 6,000 acres of land, which was to be acquired in Halligudi and surrounding villages. **P7**

K'taka film chamber opposes panel like Hema committee

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

AMID opposition to a committee similar to the Justice Hema Committee in Kerala for the Kannada film industry and walkout by a few members of the Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce (KFCC), Karnataka State Women's Commission Chairperson Nagalakshmi Chowdhary mandated the Chamber to develop a thorough action plan within 15 days to set up a committee dedicated to addressing sexual harassment.

The Commission also asked KFCC to adhere to the 17-point agenda, which includes providing basic amenities at the workplace for women film artists. The meeting witnessed heated arguments for and against setting up of the committee and ended in discord when a few members left when tensions rose.

At the meeting, convened by KFCC as directed by the Women's Commission, the chamber was asked to propose a plan for creating a Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) committee or to explain why this could not be done. It was also found that the state's film chamber lacks an 'internal complaint committee' (ICC).

Dr Nagalakshmi mentioned that a survey will be conducted to determine whether women in the film industry have experienced workplace harassment, with all responses kept confidential. The findings will be used to develop a policy or Act focused on ensuring the safety of women in the Kannada film industry.

The meeting was attended by well-known figures from the film industry, including NM Suresh, KFCC president; producer and former KFCC president Sa Ra Govindu; producer Rockline Venkatesh; actress Bhavana Ramanna; filmmaker Kavitha Lankesh; and actors Sanjjana Galrani, Neetu and Chetan Ahimsa.

Kavitha Lankesh, president of the Film Industry for Rights & Equality (FIRE), described the development as a modest yet significant step toward justice for women in the industry. "Today, it felt like we were fighting even for this small victory," she said. **CONTINUED ON: P2**

EXPRESS READ

Centre may develop K'taka as chip hub

New Delhi: The Karnataka and Union governments are actively working on developing Karnataka as a semiconductor hub in Karnataka, said Raghu Panicker, CEO of Kaynes Semicon, a subsidiary of Karnataka-based electronic manufacturer Kaynes Technology. "I see the Karnataka government is very active in this. And so is the central government," said Panicker | **P12**

Cabinet to meet in Kalaburagi today

Kalaburagi: The state cabinet will meet in Kalaburagi on Tuesday and discuss the development of Kalyana-Karnataka. Decisions on a separate secretariat and industrial policy for the region are likely to be taken | **P6**

INDIA HITS BACK AT IRAN'S SUPREME LEADER

Iran Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on Monday mentioned India as among countries where Muslims are suffering. The MEA responded, asking Iran to look at its own record

Cong manifesto mum on Article 370, promises 1 lakh govt jobs, unemployment dole

Congress leader Pawan Khera with JKPCC chief Tariq Hameed Qara release the party's manifesto for the upcoming assembly elections, in Srinagar on Monday | ZAHOOR PUNJABI

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE Congress poll manifesto for J&K released on Monday was silent on Article 370 but promised the restoration of statehood and the Durbar Move, rehabilitation of migrant Kashmiri Pandits, unemployment allowance and one lakh government jobs.

Senior Congress leader Pawan Khera and J&K Congress chief Tariq Hameed Karra released the manifesto on a day when the poll campaign came to an end for first of the three-phase assembly polls.

The party pledged to work towards granting statehood and restoring the Durbar Move — shifting of Secretariat between twin capital cities of Srinagar and Jammu for six months each. "We will pass the resolution in the first session of the assembly in favour of the Durbar Move," it stated.

But it made no mention of the controversial Article 370 that had given J&K special status. Article 370 was read down the Centre on August 5, 2019.

The Congress also pledged to give first priority to those domiciled in J&K for jobs, government contracts, land allocation and concessions on utilising natural resources.

It promised a white paper on corruption and establish a Lokayukta within the first 100 days to probe charges against officials allegedly involved in scams over the past 10 years.

The Congress also promised to confer all rights on Displaced Persons from 1947, 1965 and 1971 and West Pakistan Refugees, including rights to sell and transfer allotted state land and Evacuee Properties.

The party pledged to provide an unemployment allowance to qualified youth of up to ₹3,500 per month for one year. "We will fill 1 lakh vacant government posts and provide a job calendar within the first 30 days to fill them," it stated.

The Congress pledged to increase allocation of free ration from the current 5 kg to 11 kg per person, as it was earlier. "Under the Mahila Samman Scheme, we will provide ₹3,000 monthly transfers to women heads of households among economically weaker sections. Under Sakhi Shakti, we will provide interest-free loans up to ₹5 lakh for every woman Self Help Group."

The party also promised ₹72 per kg as the minimum support price for apples.

RETURN, REHABILITATION OF KASHMIRI PANDITS

The party said it will take concrete steps to create a conducive atmosphere for the safe and dignified return and rehabilitation of the displaced Kashmiri Pandit community. "We will adopt further measures to create job opportunities for migrant youth," it stated

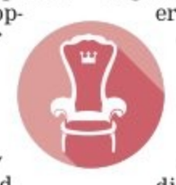
CABINET MAY CLEAR HEFTY PACKAGE FOR KK REGION

Council of Ministers to meet in Kalaburagi today; SC reservation classification likely to be discussed

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

EVER since the MUDA case broke out, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah appears to have changed his demeanour, and is willing to fulfil the wishes of his loyalists and cabinet colleagues. Holding a cabinet meeting in Kalaburagi is testimony to this.

"It is the advice of Kalyana Karnataka leaders, especially RDPR Minister Priyank Kharge, that prompted Siddaramaiah to decide on holding the cabinet meeting, which is likely to clear hefty proposals for the region's development," a Congress leader said. While conceding to the demands of his cabinet colleagues, he is also projecting himself as unperturbed by the MUDA case, he added.



On August 22, DCM and Bengaluru Development Minister DK Shivakumar got the tunnel road project -- Underground Vehicular Tunnel in Twin Tube Mode -- worth Rs 12,690 crore, cleared by the cabinet. On August 1, a meeting of the Council of ministers, chaired by Shivakumar in the absence of Siddaramaiah, had passed a resolution advising Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot to withdraw the show cause notice issued to Siddaramaiah in the MUDA case. Following the advice of his loyalists, Siddaramaiah inspected Bengaluru city on September 12, in the absence of Shivakumar, who is on a trip to the US. With the Karnataka High Court hearing the MUDA case, he was eager to send out a message of nonchalance, say political analysts.

Siddaramaiah is also under pressure from some leaders within the party who have been pushing for classification of the Scheduled Caste (SC) quota to the cabinet, after the Supreme Court's judgment on August 1, 2024, that state governments can take a call on the classification of the quota. The cabinet may discuss the issue but is unlikely to come to a conclusion, a source told The New Indian Express.

Interestingly, the social welfare department has proposed to implement the decision of the Basavaraj Bommai cabinet on March 24, 2023, which suggested classification of 17 per cent quota among the four groups carved out of 101 castes within the SC category, and suggested 6 per cent for SC (Left), 5.5 per cent for SC (Right), 4.5 per cent for Bhovis, Lambanis, Koracha, Korama etc, and 1 per cent for others in proportion to their population.

Blueprint for Kalyana-K'taka's future to de discussed: Priyank

RAMAKRISHNA BADSESHI @ Kalaburagi

THE cabinet meeting to be held in Kalaburagi on Tuesday (September 17) will focus prominently on the comprehensive development of the Kalyana-Karnataka region and will hold discussions to prepare a blueprint for the region's future growth, RDPR Minister **Priyank Kharge** said. Priyank, who is also Kalaburagi district in-charge minister, said the cabinet meeting was a full-fledged meeting and will also discuss issues pertaining to the entire Karnataka and not be restricted to the Kalyana-Karnataka region.

Meanwhile, officials have prepared the agenda for the meeting. Accordingly, a prospective plan for the overall development of the Kalyana-Karnataka region would be placed before the cabinet for discussion.

The meeting will also discuss filling all the vacant posts in Kalyana-Karnataka region in a time-bound manner. There are 2.4 lakh vacancies in different departments, Priyank said. The cabinet will also discuss issues concerning irrigation, education, and health departments, the minister added.

When his attention was drawn to the protest staged by Leader of Opposition in the Council Chalavadi Narayanaswamy in Kalaburagi on Monday demanding a CBI probe into the honey-trapping case, Priyank said that the former was trying to distract people's attention from the cabinet meeting by blaming the State Government.

On the BJP demanding fast-track courts to probe the Renukaswamy murder case in which actor Darshan is an accused, Priyank said that such courts are only needed to conduct trials in the "scams" committed by the BJP leaders.

Minister for Medical Education Dr Sharanaprakash Patil said that 30,000 vacant posts in the Kalayana-Karnataka region were filled when the Congress was in power between 2013 and 2018. "No vacancies were filled between 2019 and 2023. Now, the Congress is in power, and within a year, 15,000 vacant posts in the Kalyana-Karnataka region would be filled, including 6,500 teacher posts," Patil added.

All the ministers, including Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, will take part in the cabinet meeting, Priyank said, adding that Higher Education Minister MC Sudhakar may not attend as he is not in Karnataka and has taken permission from the Chief Minister to skip the meeting.

> **A prospective plan for the overall development of the Kalyana-Karnataka region would be placed before the cabinet for discussion**
> - Priyank Kharge, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday said Union Minister H D Kumaraswamy and former chief minister B S Yediyurappa are dreaming of finishing him off politically. "It is just their foolishness. They should not underestimate me," he said

Aam Aadmi Party members protest against BJP MLA Munirathna at Freedom Park in Bengaluru on Monday | ALLEN EGENUSE J

MLA Munirathna audio tape puts BJP on backfoot

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

AT a time when the BJP was trying to put the Congress government on the mat over alleged diversion of grants meant for Dalits under the SCSP/TSP programme to fund guarantees, and the Rs 187.33-crore ST Corporation scam, the audio tape of BJP MLA Munirathna allegedly insulting Dalits has come as an embarrassment for the saffron party. In an attempt at damage control, BJP issued notice to Munirathna after two FIRs were filed against him and he was arrested. "We took a call and will leave it to the central disciplinary committee to take further action if charges are proved against him," Karnataka BJP disciplinary committee president Lingaraj Patil said.

The Congress has kept the issue alive and is building a narrative that the BJP is anti-Dalit and its leaders, especially Munirathna, have shown disrespect to women and Vokkaligas. Though BJP Vokkaliga leaders, including Opposition leader in the assembly R Ashoka and Dr C N Ashwathnarayan alleged that Munirathna's case was a political conspiracy, Congress leaders countered them.

A group of Congress Vokkaliga leaders, including ministers N Chaluvarayaswamy and Dr MC Sudhakar, met Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday, seeking action against Munirathna. Women and Child Welfare Minister Laxmi Hebbalkar visited Chaluvaraju and expressed solidarity with his family.

MLA complains of chest pain, undergoes check-up

Bengaluru: BJP MLA Munirathna, who was arrested for allegedly harassing a BBMP contractor, was rushed to Jayadeva Hospital at 7.30 pm on Monday with complaints of chest pain. Hospital sources said the MLA underwent routine check-up and his health was stable.

Dalit organisations also staged protests against the BJP. "We have demanded that the government appoint a special public prosecutor for Munirathna's case, and the CM has agreed," said Congress MLC Sudham Das.

Yet, the BJP is likely to corner the Congress over corruption issues. It has chalked out a plan to move court and the Governor on the ST Corporation scam, sources said.

Contractor Chaluvaraju said he will release two more audio clips related to Munirathna and Congress leader Hanumantharayappa, father of Congress candidate from Rajarajeshwari Nagar seat Kusuma, on Tuesday.

Speaking to reporters after Laxmi Hebbalkar visited him, he said she had promised him police security. He admitted to another audio clip which is already viral. Hanumantharayappa allegedly advised Chaluvaraju not to approach police and assured him justice in the garbage contract.

"The audio is one month old. But they (Munirathna and company) conspired to divert attention through Hanumantharayappa and fix Velu Naiker, a Dalit and former BBMP corporator. I will release the audio tomorrow," he said.

EXPRESS READ

Will not accept Vijayendra's leadership: Ramesh

Belagavi/Athani: Gokak BJP MLA Ramesh Jarkiholi has said that he will not accept the leadership of state party president BY Vijayendra. "Vijayendra is a junior in the party and does not abide by the party ideology. It is only because of Vijayendra that the BJP has earned the name 'corrupt party'," Ramesh said. Ramesh said he never opposed the leadership of former CM BS Yediyurappa, as he was a tall leader of the party who was respected by all. "But, his son Vijayendra cannot be the party's leader in the state. BJP should not remain in anybody's control like this," he said. **ENS**

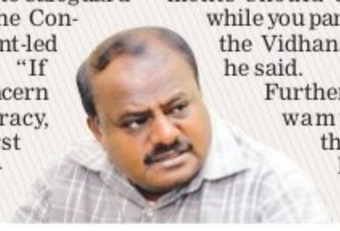
CONDUCT LOCAL BODY POLLS & THEN SPEAK ABOUT DEMOCRACY, HDK TELLS SIDDU

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

UNION Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries **HD Kumaraswamy** took a dig at the State Government for organising a massive human chain from Bidar to Chamarajanagar on the International Day of Democracy (Sunday) while questioning the delay in holding elections to local bodies.

Taking to 'X', the former CM said, "It has been 16 months since the Siddaramaiah government came to power. How many polls have been conducted? They are not showing any interest in conducting panchayat or BBMP polls. Without conducting local body elections, the CM speaking on democracy has no meaning," he said.

Kumaraswamy said there was no concern to safeguard democracy in the Congress government-led human chain. "If they had any concern towards democracy, they would first conduct elections to local bodies. Ever since they came to power, they have not conducted elections, which are pillars of democracy at the district and taluk panchayat levels, as well as BBMP polls in Bengaluru . Why? Just because you have come to power, does it mean that the local governments should be ignored while you parade around the Vidhana Soudha," he said.



Further Kumaraswamy alleged that with no local body polls, Siddaramaiah's democracy and government's people-oriented approach seem only to shine in advertisements. "Your actions are more about propaganda than actual governance," he alleged.

"Can democracy be preserved through a human chain? Is the misuse of taxpayers money an embellishment for democracy?" he charged. First, announce local body elections and strengthen the true democratic chain," Kumaraswamy told the State Government.

NIA probe into Nagamangala, Palestine flag cases sought

ENS @ Bengaluru

THE state BJP on Monday demanded that the State Government hand over the probe into the recent violence in Nagamangala and instances of youth carrying the Palestine flag in several parts of the state to the National Investigation Agency (NIA).

Speaking to reporters, Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R Ashoka said, "From where did petrol bombs reach Nagamangala and who got them into a place of worship? All these need to be probed." Ashoka said that in the Nagamangala clash case, FIRs have been registered against Hindus. "This is appeasement. In Chikkamagaluru, youths are holding Palestine flags at public place. After Congress came to power, such organisations and terrorists are not having any fear. These organisations feel secured because of Congress support," he alleged.

Ashoka said Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, is going to different countries and meeting anti-nationals and dividing the country. Slamming the State Government for arresting BJP MLA Munirathna, Ashoka said , "Let them take action legally if Munirathna has done wrong. The audio clip should have been sent for testing to a forensic lab. But without proving it, they have arrested the MLA. The Congress is indulging in hatred politics," he said.

Former DyCM Dr C N Ashwath Narayan and other BJP leaders who are part of the party's fact-finding committee in Nagamangala on Monday | EXPRESS

BJP fact-finding team to submit report to govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

NAGAMANGALA VIOLENCE

Senior BJP leader and former deputy CM Dr CN Ashwath Narayan has demanded a high-level probe into the recent violence in Nagamangala town during the Ganesha idol immersion procession to know the "facts" and the "hidden agenda" behind the incident.

The former DyCM, who heads the BJP fact-finding committee, visited the town along with party leaders Byathri Basavaraj, Bhaskar Rao, Narayana Gowda, and Lakshmi Ashwin Gowda. The team inspected the shops gutted in the violence, affected localities, and met the families of those arrested. "Investigation should be done to reveal the unknown hand behind the violence in which youths from Kerala took part. Also, those affected should be compensated by the State Government," Ashwath Narayan said. The former minister said that the Congress government in Karnataka indulges in appeasement politics and has failed to handle the situation. He also criticised the police for arresting those leading the Ganesha procession saying they did no wrong.

He said that the BJP fact-finding committee will submit its report to the party leadership and the government. The report would shed light on the reasons for the violence based on facts and will also suggest ways to avoid such incidents in the future. "It will also highlight the failure of the police and other illegal activities in the region," he added.

On police's attempt to arrest Hindu activists in RSS office in Pandavapura, Ashwah Narayan said that the police was not taking action against the troublemakers and was targeting innocent people working for the country. Meanwhile, BJP leader Subbareddy, along with advocates, visited Nagamangala town. Subbareddy alleged that the PFI was behind the unrest. "We will try to get anticipatory bail for 400 people who have fled the town fearing arrest," he added.

Police enter RSS office, activists call action unjust

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

TENSION gripped the region on Sunday night as activists from Hindu organisations expressed outrage over the police attempt to detain Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) leader Puneeth Attavar. The incident occurred after reports that Puneeth Attavar, a VHP leader from Mangaluru and Sharan Pumpwell were on the way violence-hit Nagamangala town in Mandya district. Before their departure, they had reportedly held a meeting with Hindu activists at the RSS office in Pandavapura.

Based on this information, the police moved in to detain Attavar as a precautionary measure. The police entered the RSS office abruptly which led to a heated confrontation with activists. Pushing and shoving ensued, with activists questioning the legality of the police action, noting the absence of an arrest warrant or any official notice.

The police faced backlash for entering the RSS office without removing their footwear, which activists considered a violation of a space they hold sacred. The disruption of the ongoing meeting to discuss upcoming events of RSS and VHP further angered the activists, who blocked police vehicles in protest, preventing Attavar's removal. "Why aren't the police investigating the petrol bomb incidents in Nagamangala or the appearance of swords and stone-pelting? Instead, they are targeting Hindu activists who are peacefully organising," an activist argued, accusing the police of bias and unjust actions. They prevented Attavar from being taken into custody.

The situation was eventually de-escalated when Mandya Superintendent of Police Mallikarjuna Baladandi arrived. Hindu activists raised serious concerns over the police's behaviour, alleging they had acted aggressively without justifiable cause. SP Baladandi managed to calm the crowd and persuaded Attavar not to proceed to Nagamangala. Instead, Attavar agreed to return to Mangaluru.

No arrests made: SP

Clarifying on the issue, SP Baladandi said, "We did not detain or arrest Attavar or Pumpwell. We received information that they were heading to Nagamangala and had stopped to meet Hindu activists. Our presence was merely to question them as a precaution," he said. RSS, Bajrang Dal, and Hindu Jagarana Vedike members staged a protest outside the Pandavapura police station demanding the suspension of DySP Murali and Circle Inspector Vivekananda.

NAGAMANGALA NORMAL, DON'T PAY HEED TO RUMOURS, SAYS SIDDARAMAIAH

KALABURAGI: "Nagamangala is normal now. We should not give scope to hearsay and rumours," said Chief Minister Siddaramaiah here on Monday. He told reporters at the airport here that the government has suspended a police inspector of Nagamangala and transferred the DySP for dereliction of duty. Opposition charges that the state is burning are false and politically motivated. There is peace in the entire state, he added. The CM said he will chair a full-fledged cabinet meeting in Kalaburagi on Tuesday. "All the problems of the region cannot be solved in one go, but the cabinet meeting in Kalaburagi will take some important decisions. Issues related to the Kalyana-Karnataka region will be discussed prominently at the meeting," he added. The government has allocated Rs 5,000 crore to the Kalyana-Karnataka Region Development Board (KKRDB) this year, he said. It was the Congress government that implemented the Amendment to Article 371 J, granting special status to the region. It was done when Manmohan Singh was prime minister, he said. The chief minister will camp in Kalaburagi on Monday and participate in the Kalyana-Karnataka Day celebrations on Tuesday morning. The cabinet meeting is scheduled for 4 pm.

COPS PROBING PFI ROLE: PARAMESHWARA

MYSURU: Karnataka Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara said that the police are investigating the role of the Popular Front of India (PFI) in the recent violence reported in Nagamangala town in Mandya district. The minister said that the police are conducting an internal inquiry and have so far arrested two persons. "It is not possible to confirm PFI's hand in the violence till the investigation is complete," he said. On the BJP's fact-finding committee visiting Nagamangala, he said it is common for opposition leaders to visit such places. "Let them do their job... we will do ours," he added.

Six boys held for riding bikes with Palestinian flag

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chikkamagaluru

THE police on Monday detained six minor boys after a video of them riding two-wheelers holding a Palestinian flag on Sunday went viral on social media.

The incident occurred on Dantaramakki road in Chikkamagaluru town. The minors were riding two two-wheelers with three on each scooter. On one of the two-wheelers, a pillion rider — a 17-year-old boy — was holding the flag, while the other three followed on another scooter. They shouted 'free Palestine' slogans, the police said.

A case was registered under relevant sections of BNS. A police statement stated that an inspector and his staff, who were on patrol duty, stopped the minors and questioned them. After coming to the police station, the police officials filed a complaint. The boys said they had watched some videos of a procession in UP in which people were seen carrying Palestinian flags and they too wanted to make a similar reel on Instagram.

Tension in C'durga, Koppal

The police seized some Palestinian flags and stopped youth from shouting slogans favouring Palestine during an Eid Milad procession in Chitradurga on Monday.

Meanwhile, tension prevailed at Gangavati town in Koppal district after some Hindu organisations took objection to the words 'Free Palestine' printed on a banner which was put up as part of Eid Milad procession.

Nipah has struck Malappuram, Kerala yet again. With the virus infection confirmed in the 24-year-old man who passed away last week, the health department has placed the district on high alert, initiating contact tracing and testing of individuals in the contact list.

Modi to launch Subhadra Yojana for women of Odisha on his b'day

Scheme to provide 1 crore women with cash assistance of Rs 50K

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bhubaneswar

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi is going to fulfill one of the major promises made by the BJP during the general elections, the eagerly awaited Subhadra Yojana, at a state level function at Janata Maidan here, on his 74th birthday on September 17.

Considered to be the single largest women centric scheme ever launched anywhere in the country, Subhadra Yojana is among the 21 top promises under "Modi Nka Guarantee for Odisha 2024" in the BJP manifesto. The scheme aimed at empowering one crore women in the age group of 21 to 60 years with a cash assistance of Rs 50,000, in two equal instalment of Rs 5,000 each annually, over a period of five years.

The Prime Minister will initiate the fund transfer on Tuesday and the first instalment of Rs 5,000 will be credited to the accounts of more than 10 lakh beneficiaries through direct benefit transfer scheme. He is scheduled to interact with some selected beneficiaries.

With over 60 lakh women stated to have registered under the scheme and the state government have conducted a test run by crediting one rupee to the beneficiaries accounts, those who have not received the token money are running from pillar to post to know what went wrong with their registration.

Deputy chief minister Prabhati Parida who is also the minister for Women and Child Development and Mission Shakti addressed their concerns by clarifying that all eligible beneficiaries will be covered under the scheme.

"We have conducted a trial run by crediting Re 1 to the accounts of registered beneficiaries to check the efficacy of the system. Those who did not receive the token amount will still get the first instalment on September 17," Parida assured at a media conference here. She, however, advised beneficiaries not to fall pray to cyber frauds who have become active by avoiding suspicious links on the scheme sent to them.

The Prime Minister will launch a slew of projects during his visit to the state. He is scheduled to lay foundation stones and dedicate to nation railway projects worth Rs2,800 crore and National Highway projects worth Rs 1,000 crore through virtual mode. He will also release the first instalment of financial assistance under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Gramin (PMAY-G) to approximately 13 lakh beneficiaries across 14 states. As many as 26 lakh PMAY (Gramin and Urban) beneficiaries will celebrate Griha Pravesh during this occasion. Modi will hand over the keys of their houses to the new homeowners under the central scheme. He will also launch the Awaas+ 2024 App, for survey of additional households for PMAY-G. Further, he will unveil the operational guidelines for the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban (PMAY-U) 2.0.

'Crop loss forced many to leave their hometowns'

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IF the project had started, over 10,000 villagers would have got direct or indirect employment and business opportunities.

Though industrialisation is desperately needed in these parts, most entrepreneurs eye only Kappatagudda hills because of their rich mineral resources. But the hills are a biodiversity hotspot and many prominent citizens have been carrying out campaigns to protect the zone.

Villagers from Halligudi and other villages have approached the Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) and other departments concerned, requesting them to push industries in these parts.

Rajesh Diggavi, a villager from Halligudi, said, "We have no youth in Halligudi and surrounding villages because of unemployment. We have also requested the government that the industries which come here should give a job to at least one person in each family.

SLUSH RACE

Paddy farmers race their cattle at Vazhithala Kannadikandam Thodupuzha in Idukki district on Monday

Golden Chariot could be back on track soon; haulage charges a burden

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

IN a bid to give a fillip to the state's own luxury express, Golden Chariot, which has been struggling to draw tourists and ensure smooth operations, the government is now looking at other luxury expresses to help promote the train.

Stake holders and tourism department officials are looking at Maharaja Express and Palace on Wheels for marketing support, to promote Karnataka's luxury express. The two trains, that are a flagship venture of the Rajasthan government's tourism department, have been drawing domestic and international tourists in large numbers.

"However, Karnataka has been unable to make ends meet, and we are looking at possible options. We are also studying financial models of other luxury expresses and what needs to be done. We are looking at joint marketing strategies from Maharaja Express and Palace on Wheels," a senior tourism official told *The New Indian Express*.

At the recently held meeting of all southern states with Union Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, in Bengaluru, the need for resuming Golden Chariot operations was discussed. At the meeting, Karnataka Tourism Minister HK Patil placed the demand to address changes in haulage charges and a Golden Chariot tour policy, to make operations smooth and affordable for tourists.

To promote and operate the train, the Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC) had, in March 2020, entered into an agreement with Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC). But operations did not take off during the pandemic.

An IRCTC official said: "In November 2022, an agreement was signed on operations and maintenance, which included fixed and variable haulage charges. But now it has been realised that the charges are a burden. A proposal has been made to revise it. The product belongs to KSTDC, and IRCTC is only operating it. We have invited bookings from tourists to start operations from October 2024 to March 2025 for the two itineraries of Golden Chariot – 'Pride of Karnataka' and 'Jewel of the South'."

As per the agreement, the fixed haulage charge for a full rake of the Golden Chariot, comprising 18 coaches, is Rs 2.04 crore, Rs 10,439 per annum, applicable from financial year 2022-23 to financial year 2026-27.

The tourism department official said the Golden Chariot has operational issues, despite assistance from the central government under the Bharat Gaurav scheme.

6 HELD FOR THROWING STONES AT MOSQUE IN M'LURU

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Mangaluru

MANGALURU city police arrested six people for allegedly pelting stones at a mosque in Surathkal on Sunday. The accused have been identified as Bharat Shetty (26), Chennappa Shivananda Chalavadi (19), Nithin Hadapa (22), Sujith Shetty (23), Annappa (24) and Preetham Shetty (34). According to a complaint filed by KH Abdul Rahiman, president of Majidullah Hudajumma Masjid of Katipalla, the miscreants arrived on two bikes at around 9.50 pm, pelted stones at the mosque and damaged window glasses to create unrest among the Hindus and Muslims. A special team, led by inspector Mahesh Prasad was formed to nab the culprits. They were arrested near Kadri Manjunatha Temple Road on Monday morning. Bharat Shetty is facing 12 cases while Chennappa has five cases against him. Nithin, Annappa and Preetham are also facing two cases against them. Police have seized a car, two bikes and four mobile phones. The arrested will be produced before court on Monday.

The six accused

EXPRESS READ

Teacher who sexually harassed atleast 10 female students arrested

Athani: A Government Primary School teacher has been taken into custody for sexually harassing students, in Chikkodi on Sunday. The accused has been identified as Sadiq Baig and has been accused of sexually harassing as many as 10 female students in the school. The incident came to light when a student who came home crying on Friday evening told her parents about the teacher's act. When the girl's father informed other parents about the incident, he found out that many other also had similar experiences. It was revealed that Baig had sexually harassed more than ten female students in the school. The parents came forward to file a complaint against him. Baig is currently in police custody and a case has been registered with the Chikkodi police, Belagavi district. Further investigations are on.

Dance master Jani booked for sexual assault on female choreographer in Tollywood

Hyderabad: A case has been registered against renowned Tollywood dance master Shaik Jani Basha, alias Jani Master, for allegedly sexually assaulting, harassing and voluntarily hurting a 21-year-old female choreographer who worked as his assistant. Jani was recently conferred with a National Award for his work on the song 'Megam Karukkatha' from the 2022 film Thiruchitrambalam, sharing the award with Sathish Krishnan. According to the FIR accessed by TNIE, the complainant claimed that Jani Master assaulted her multiple times during movie shoots in Chennai, Mumbai, Hyderabad and also at her residence in Narsingi after she moved to Hyderabad in 2017. She stated that he regularly asked for sexual favours and, upon refusal, would physically abuse and threaten her if she revealed the matter to anyone.

Jani Master

'BYV acquired benami MUDA properties in Mys'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

BJP state president BY Vijayendra has acquired benami properties in Mysuru by colluding with BJP district president LR Mahadevaswamy and MUDA former commissioner DB Natesh, alleged Karnataka State Backward Classes Awareness Forum president KS Shivaramu here on Monday.

He told reporters that MUDA had acquired a 1.3-acre land on survey number 85/2 in Eranagere in 1974-75. In July 2021, Syeda Nusrath Afja and Syed Shakeeb Ur Rehman, submitted an application to MUDA demanding alternative sites, claiming to be the children of late Syed Abdul Rahman, owner of the land.

MUDA at its meeting in August 2021 decided to give alternative sites under the 50:50 scheme to the two. "But the MUDA commissioner also allotted an additional 50x80 sqft site to Afja and Rehman by receiving Rs 5.35 lakh in April 2022. But in September 2022, the site was transferred to the then Zoo Authority of Karnataka Chairman LR Mahadevaswamy's wife Sowmya," he added.

"As per market value, the site is worth over Rs 7 crore, but Sowmya purchased it for Rs 5.36 lakh. As Natesh and Mahadevaswamy are close aides of Vijayendra, it is a conspiracy by the trio to acquire the site in the posh locality," he charged.

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"It is less and less necessary for the writer to invent the fictional content of his novel. The fiction is already there. The writer's task is to invent the reality" — J G Ballard

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KEJRIWAL'S RESIGNATION DRAMA ATTEMPT TO WIPE TAINT OF CORRUPTION

AFTER doggedly refusing to demit office for more than five months since he was arrested on March 21 in an excise policy scam, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal announced he will soon do exactly that. The announcement came a couple of days after he was released on bail from Tihar jail by the Supreme Court. While the bench relaxed most of the bail conditions, those by a coordinate bench left him hobbled as they had disallowed him from visiting the chief minister's office and the Delhi secretariat. His powers to sign files were also severely restricted. The logical next step was to go back to the court to get the constraints removed. For, Hemant Soren was not subjected to such conditions when he got bail from the SC after 149 days in prison in a land scam. Soren had followed constitutional morality by resigning as Jharkhand CM before going to jail, though the statute does not say it in so many words. He took back the position in a blink after walking out of jail.

However, Kejriwal is anything but predictable. He sought to conjure a spectacle by claiming he would occupy the CM's chair only after the people's court cleared his name by giving him a fresh mandate. For him, electoral victory is the ultimate badge of honesty, not exoneration by the judiciary. By extension then, all elected lawmakers are clean, which is absurd. In the process, he framed the next Delhi elections as a Kejriwal-versus-the-rest contest. A product of the anti-corruption movement, his conscience curiously was not pricked when the Delhi administration went to seed in the 176 days he was in jail because no policy decisions could be taken in the absence of a functional CM. Apparently, he is trying to retake the Mr Clean label and shake off anti-incumbency, as his government's popularity is visibly slipping.

Since Kejriwal seems not to trust anybody except his wife Sunita, it would be a big leap of faith if anyone else is chosen as his successor as CM. While the state is due for elections in February, he sought snap polls in November along with Maharashtra. But the poll call can be taken only by the Election Commission after the new CM dissolves the assembly and formally seeks early elections. The next few days could indicate how it would all play out.

NEERAJ MISSED TOP SPOTS, BUT MATURED AS ATHLETE

EVER since Neeraj Chopra won gold at the Tokyo Olympics and later was crowned the world champion, he has often hit the No 1 spot in competitions. That's because of his consistency. He touched 89.94 metres in mid-2022; so 90 metres was only a natural progression. Then he was injured and had to miss the Commonwealth Games in 2022. Year 2023 was remarkable with gold at the World Championships and Asian Games. However, the latest season panned out differently as Neeraj competed in fewer events. In terms of improving his distance, there was a bit of stagnancy. What seemed effortless in the previous couple of years, seemed laboured this time. He had to rely on his last few throws to ascend the table. There have been discussions about a groin injury troubling him for some time, but Neeraj did not reveal it until the Paris Olympics, where he finished with silver behind Arshad Nadeem. He again finished second at the Diamond League in Brussels; there, too, he revealed he had fractured his left hand days before the event. It has been a year of second finishes and injuries.

But the season presented another side of Neeraj—of one who would not give up even when things are not going his way. At the Olympics, he had only one competitive throw of 89.45 m. Like most Indian medallists, he could have ended his season there. But he stood by his commitment to the Diamond League. At Lausanne, where he peaked better, he had to rely on his penultimate throw of 89.49 metres to push himself to the second spot. So, for the 26-year-old, it was a year he understood his body better, one in which he had to be mentally very strong. He might not have improved his performance, but he grew as an athlete while finding ways to navigate from tight spots.

The next season will be different. The world will see a more mature athlete. He has to take care of his adductor—deciding soon on whether to go for surgery or rehab, so that he is fit for the next season. With the World Championships scheduled next September, he would get time to recover. And he would want to defend the gold he won in Budapest.

QUICK TAKE

NURTURING YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

THE launch of Bhaskar (Bharat Startup Knowledge Access Registry), a digital platform for the country's startup ecosystem, is a welcome move. It expands on the Startup India portal by going beyond just registering them and helping them with tax breaks by promising to connect young (less than 10 years old), small (less than ₹100 crore in revenues) technology- and IP-focused companies with buyers, sellers and investors—a networking hub and administrative tool. Another feature deserves mention: the platform allows students to enrol and be mentored on the basics of business planning. In a space where the competition could be global, the merits of starting young cannot be overstated.

Young Indians in urban, rural and deep-rural areas have markedly different ambitions about their careers. Thankfully, these disparate aspirations add up to a vibrant, balanced country

DREAMS OF THE YOUTH IN THREE INDIAS

HARISH BIJOOR
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SOURAV ROY

ONE day in February 2024, I was on a flight from Mumbai to Bengaluru. Sat next to me was a young girl of 14. Sitting across the aisle and travelling with her was her older brother, all of 19. The two were on their way to see their grandmother. Ria is just into her early teens and Rishabh (names changed with permission) is just about in the last of his teenage years.

The bubbly Ria settled into her seat and immediately started chatting me up with a signature comment of a frequent flyer, "I hate aisle seats." "So, you fly a lot?" I asked, and thus began our conversation. We spoke a lot, but there is one big thing that caught my attention. At some point, I asked her a question we 'oldies' love to ask the 'youngies' (forgive the ageism, please): "What's your ambition, Ria?" Pop came the reply without a pause, "I want to be a fashion blogger."

Midway through the flight, I requested Ria if she could switch seats with Rishabh. She obliged. "What's your ambition, Rishabh?" was popped at him, too. Without a thought, Rishabh said he wanted to be a radio jockey and that he was already checking out how to go about it.

This planted a thought in my head—to check out from the larger India, quite apart from the hallowed space of air-travellers, what the ambition of the new young are. I started research across urban and rural spaces. We talk of 475 urban agglomerations in India today and a whopping 6,43,700 villages; my research covered a nano percentage of these. But it is nevertheless telling.

New India and the new Indian are divided in ambition. While urban folk by and large are now experimenting with ambition that is less solid in its intent than ever before, rural Indians have embraced the ambitions that exclusively belonged to the Gen Y and Gen Z folks of urban India.

The research exercise was carried out in three spaces: urban, rural and deep-rural. The target segment interviewed were only those born during or after 2010. The youngest was 10 years old and the oldest 14. The idea was to track into the mind and mood of the Alpha generation and do a quick check on their ambitions as they become a vital part of future India. The diagnostics that emerged tell a story of their own.

Let me start with the answers from Cluster 1, which belongs to the urban space you and I are most familiar with. The young from our big urban agglomerations tend to swing towards jobs and vocations that look more like the avocations and hobbies of yore. The yen to love what you do overpowers their decision-making in this sphere. Even as we read this, we need to be careful not to prejudge any of it. We must not pass a value-judgement on anything they say or feel. It's their mind, their life and their thoughts.

Society has impacted them through many tools. There is media (by and large social and digital media), the education system they are in, politics, influencers from sports and cinema, and the fast-evolving business ecosystem they are exposed to.

While none of them are really earners in this ecosystem, they sure are spenders. They know where their pocket money (and their parents' money) is going today, and that one factor seems to influence their decision-making on careers and ambitions. Let me cut the chase. 87.3 percent of those met indicate a desire to be in the services part of the economy, while 12.4 percent want to be in the 'manufacturing' space. The anecdotal and miniscule other set wants to dabble in 'agriculture'.

The verdict is clear in urban India. The space to be in is services. It is glamorous, ubiquitous, consumer-centric, front-ended and seems to exhibit the ability to earn money and margins irrational to effort, as opposed to the other two sectors. The key ambitions are to be an influencer, blogger, television anchor, retail person, and in e-commerce, digital marketing, 5G/6G technology development, and the most obvious one—an artificial intelligence or machine language developer.

Cluster 2 folks in the rural markets are a whole bit different. They are getting aggressively educated and want to move away from what their parents have been doing. In this set, 41 percent want to be in services. The services they talk about are a bit different than the urban folk. Banking is big. IT, ITES and civil services, starting with the IPS. Medicine and engineering are big hits here. As is teaching. A big chunk of 51.5 percent want to be in manufacturing. There is big ambition to own their own units rather than work for others.

A paltry 7.5 percent want to be in agriculture. Even here, the desire is to be in spaces away from the food crops cultivated by their parents. Horticulture, sericulture, prawn farming and even windmills to harvest energy are the spaces being talked about.

The folks in deep-rural markets are the ones who are talking of the future in a rather futuristic manner. Their choices may sound 'rustic', but if you sit back and think, they are all about what the markets will want in the future. Out here, 56.2 percent want to be in core agriculture. They want to do better at what their fathers and grandfathers have been doing. They speak the language of 'natural agriculture'. This cluster is talking of studying the sciences. Biology, physics, maths and geography are big hits. Engineering is a passion. Joining the armed forces (the army, in particular) is an ambition. Teaching is spoken about in hushed tones as an ambition of high repute.

Then, 41 percent in this deep-rural cluster want to be in manufacturing. The idea of making life in the village self-sufficient is just about gathering steam. "Why must I go out of my village and leave my family, food and friends, when I can really stay here?" is the moot question. The accent is still on working for others. The rest seem a confused lot as of now.

So the ambition of the young in the three Indias explored seem different. Fortunately for us, if you add it all up, I think we are sorted. The three parts of India are in many ways working in tandem with one another. Ours is a country that will not see imbalance. The three parts have their own self-balancing mechanisms at play. And this sure is the real balance of India of the future. What say?

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SAVING *IC 814* AND OTHER FLIGHTS OF IMAGINATION

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AFTER hitting a few air pockets, Anubhav Sinha's series *IC 814*, about the Kathmandu-Delhi Air India plane that was hijacked by ISI agents in 1999 and force-landed in Kandahar, is now cruising well.

The air pockets were due to the 'hurt sentiments of Hindus'. The terrorists were referred to by code names—Chief, Doctor, Burger, Bhola and Shankar. The last two names, associated with Lord Shiva, were 'politically motivated', they said, to extenuate the terrorist elements. The OTT platform duly issued clarifications and disclaimers. 'Sorry' is the collective password for our times.

IC 814 is not the first such product subjected to a social media boycott: Anubhav Sinha's own *Article 370* (problem: Kashmir sensitivities), Aamir Khan's *Lal Singh Chaddha* (majority community unfairly seen as intolerant of minority rights), Akshay Kumar's *Raksha Bandhan* (adverse remarks on sanatan dharma), Ranbir Kapoor's *Brahmastra* (hero's meat-eating habits in real life pitted against the character he portrays), and Shah Rukh Khan's *Pathaan* (SRK being 'partial' to Pakistan in the past).

As for the efforts in cancellation sponsored by the liberals: Sandeep Reddy Vanga's *Kabir Singh* (toxic masculinity), Vivek Agnihotri's *The Kashmir Files* (gaslighting the Muslim community), Sudipto Sen's *The Kerala Files*, (exaggerating the threat of love jihad), Reddy Vanga's *Animal* (toxic masculinity), and Vinay Sharma's *JNU* (politically unfair and regressive), to name a few recent instances.

A cancellation call is a drumbeat of execution by other means. The underlying motive is always to censor imagination. The objections are limited to political, religious or cultural content. It is rarely about how these movies triumph or fail as art.

The idea of cancellation, pioneered into existence primarily by the liberals and now resorted to by the right, is a movement away from aesthetics that's a fundamental condition of the arts. *The Kashmir Files*' problem, for example, is not so much about truth or its distortion, as it is not a documentary. It is the grossness of form. The poor aesthetics generate distaste, not catharsis. Leni Riefenstahl was a Nazi propagandist, but her *Triumph of Will* is still art.

The culture of cancellation, pioneered by the political and cultural left as a corrective movement and now equally weaponised by the religious and cultural right, is effectively thought-policing. It does not respect the idea of imagination. It resists the idea of the idea. This is an Indian endemic. If patriotism for the right is a means to justify the shackling of the imagination, political correctness for the left serves pretty much the same purpose. Both converge and shake hands on censorship.

Art's purpose is rarely catechism and mostly inspiration. It is the forum where we play out the human potential to its maximum, the full play to your dark and golden shadows, as Carl Jung might phrase it. A forum for the human mind to find its release, and rehearse its great tragedies.

NETFLIX

> Cancel culture was pioneered by the left as a corrective movement. It's now equally weaponised by the religious and cultural right. It does not respect the idea of imagination. *IC 814* is not the only recent entertainment product hit by such turbulence from either side of the ideological divide

Aspiration in this direction risks the label of effete decadence. It is not. A beautiful thing, man or woman—perfect form—is precious because he/she inspires. Beauty is an idea. It was Stendhal who said beauty holds the promise of happiness. If art is the approximation towards the idea of perfection, it fulfills its purpose. America, for instance, is all art. Its superpower is ideas. Its wealth is a byproduct of ideas/patents.

The reason why our start-ups do not get anywhere is that the Indian venture capitalist has little respect for ideas. All he wants is the return on his investments in six months. Even in traditional technologies, from cars to computers, roads to rockets, India makes do with borrowed imagination. Besides the idea of satyagraha, what might be a reasonable modern Indian invention?

Why should the general run of our movies be any different? Almost all movies mentioned here fail because they dare not be beautiful, or experientially transformative. Yet, we conduct protest marches in the cause of free speech. Well, we cannot have free speech in a culture phobic of imagination.

Year 2047 is the magic moment when India is supposed to emerge as a fully developed nation. The BJP and RSS believe we were once a great nation—especially in the Gupta period (320-550 CE). This is not without substance.

In a recently-published excerpt from his latest book, *The Golden Road: How Ancient India Transformed The World* (which I am yet to read), William Dalrymple talks about the great contribution that Aryabhata (476-550 CE) and Brahmagupta (598-670 CE) made in mathematics. I cannot but observe that this endorsement of the Indian past from Dalrymple, a die-hard liberal, would warm the cockles of the Hindu heart. Especially since the narrative is couched in the currently-fashionable language of apologia flowing from the white male guilt of the coloniser.

But assuming our future, after a fashion, is in the past, a sophisticated return to it still cannot account for the great gaps in the Indian imagination that once invented the 0, but then lost count.

In the 1980s, Allan Bloom's *The Closing of the American Mind* attacked the US university system that encouraged an approach to scholarship based on moral relativism as it undermined critical thinking. Bloom uncannily anticipated the reigning woke culture.

Foreign invasions or otherwise, the Indian mind has been in closure for over a thousand years. It is terrified of the art of ideas. *IC 814* was rescued, but its representation as an idea remains endangered.

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Empty catchword

Ref: *Semiconductor nationalism will take us nowhere* (Sep 16). Too much bragging before we achieve anything is a common trait of PM Narendra Modi. Development seems to be just another empty catchword of the PM.
Subramanian Anantharaman, Chennai

Young sanyasi

Ref: *Journey of a young boy into sainthood* (Sep 16). The narration of how such a young boy left the family to learn Vedic metres, different languages, yoga, and music as the head of the Matha is interesting. The craving for his mother and favourite food was overcome with rigorous training. It was not easy to head a Matha at a young age, but with the grace of goddess Kamakshi, Ginni was transformed into Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswati.
Prema P, Thanjavur

Kamakshi's grace

The Mahaswamy always had a soft corner for the poor and the downtrodden. The grace of goddess Kamakshi always worked through him. All his gestures conveyed the glory of a great tradition that he started.
G Nataraja Perumal, Elathur

Immigration worries

Ref: *B'desh, Rohingya infiltrations major threat to J'khand: Modi* (Sep 16). In a statement, PM Modi warned against the infiltration of Rohingyas from Bangladesh into Jharkhand, describing it as a severe threat to security. His remarks point to a rising apprehension of illegal migration affecting neighbourhood management and safety.
Garima Singh, Dhenkanal

Kejri calculation

Ref: *Kejri plays resignation card* (Sep 16). Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal is taking a calculated risk by offering to quit at a time when Delhi assembly elections are not far off. He is definitely playing on the sentimental aspect to woo the electorate. Whether it is a master stroke or a massive risk will be known only after the polls.
Govardhana Myneedu, Vijayawada

Misreading mandate

Kejriwal announced his imminent resignation to seek a certificate of honesty from the public. One may ask the beleaguered CM, why not just wait for the verdict of the court in the excise policy scam? Either he is not too sure of his own innocence or the fairness of the judicial system. A popular mandate is not a *sine qua non* for a political leader's honesty.
S R Patnaik, Bhubaneswar

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Randeep Singh Surjewala @rssurjewala
Today, the youth executive of Jannayak Janta Party extended its support to ensure the protection of the rights of farmers, labourers and the poor.

Yogi Adityanath @myogiadityanath
Pakistan is a cancer of humanity.
The world forces will have to come together to treat it

Sanjay Singh AAP @SanjayAzadSln
BJP has finished democracy in Jammu and Kashmir and is ruling through Governor's rule. People of every region are unhappy and fighting for their rights.

'Collegium good. Pool of women judges should expand'

Justice (retd) Hima Kohli recalls her enriching experience in SC, speaks on collegium system, pendency of cases and what it means to be a woman judge

THE day she demitted office as the chief justice of the Telangana High Court, she was promoted to the Supreme Court in 2021. Now retired, **Justice Hima Kohli** has been described as a "people's judge," a "fierce protector of women's rights" and a "symbol of women's empowerment." In an interview with **Suchitra Kalyan Mohanty**, the judge spoke on a range of issues the judiciary is grappling with. **Excerpts:**

Verbatim

You served as the Supreme Court judge for almost three years. How do you describe it?
Three years is very brief period to be able to contribute as effectively as one should have. I took oath as a judge of the apex court virtually on the eve of my demitting office as a judge of the HC. I'm grateful that I was considered by the collegium headed by CJI N V Ramana (retd) to be elevated to the SC, along with eight of my other colleagues. Had I stayed a little longer time in the Supreme Court, I could have perhaps made more effective contribution. I did my best in those three years. It was a very enriching experience.

Judges, lawyers and people have described you as one of the finest judges. As an SC judge did you get enough time serve the cause the justice?
I think whatever time one gets, one should make the most of it. I would think that by the time many of us enter the Supreme Court, we are left with about four years before we officially retire. Maybe, we need more time to contribute to the court for a longer time.

You became the first woman CJ of Telangana HC. How do you see your tenure?
Telangana was carved out of Andhra Pradesh. Their courts were common; till about 2019, the high court was unified. It was an enriching experience for me, as the first woman CJ and the second CJ of that state.

A huge pendency of cases was a daunting task. When I went in, I was the only woman judge. By the time I left, a request had gone to the SC to increase the number of judges. I requested the then CJI Ramana to expedite the process. Fortunately, it was during my tenure that the judge strength went up from 24 to 42. This was one of the steps to handle the prolonged litigation period.

It was a landmark day for the judiciary when you took oath, along with two more women judges in the SC on August 31, 2021? How was your experience?
It was the first time in the history of SC that nine judges took oath together from different states, from different HCs. It was a chance that we were three women who took oath together. That was also the first time in the history of SC we bonded well among us. I said in my farewell speech that we, nine of us describe ourselves as V9 (Victory 9) and had a special bonding, almost like batch mates. We worked together, sat on benches together from time to time, and have carried that relationship forever.

You delivered 39 verdicts and were a part of 207 benches, during your tenure as the SC Judge. You are praised as a "fierce protector of women's rights." Your reaction.
People's perception is important. However, I certainly think that the voice of woman should be heard more effectively. They carry with them a different experience on the bench.

How would you describe the SC collegium's role in giving a bigger role to women in the judiciary?
The question of more women joining the higher judiciary would arise when the collegiums in different state HCs take it into consideration while shortlisting names. The important part is that there should be enough women in the pool of selection. That pool must expand. Till that happens, you can't have more women coming into judiciary. The point is when it comes to high courts and the Supreme Court, the pool shrinks. It will take time for more women to reach the higher echelons of judiciary.

During your tenure in Delhi and Telangana HCs or an SC judge, was there any political pressure on you?
I haven't come across any such occasion where I could be pressurized. In any case, I don't think anybody had the guts to approach me with any kind of pressure. People kept a respectful distance. Whatever I did, I did it with a free mind and with an assurance that it was within the four corners of law. Let us not forget that a judge is answerable to his conscious.

Is it the best option to appoint judges to higher judiciary through collegiums? Is it the right method where judges appoint judges?
The collegium route is the best one, as it stands today. Judges are strictly not appointing judges because there is a role of the state in it. After all, files go to the government. Many times, these files are returned. The selection process in 'judges appointing judges,' also involves clearance from the Intelligence Bureau. The SC collegium does its duty diligently.

You've dissented on a couple of SC verdicts. How would you like to describe it?
A dissent is a view one must respect. It is not necessary that all of us think alike. We come from different backgrounds, cultures, and have varied viewpoints and philosophies in life. But it's not often that I dissented. It's not planned, it happened that too in a couple of cases where I differed.

What are your post retirement plans?
I am not 'retiring', I said that much in my farewell speech. I stand by that. I will try to do photography on nature, birds, flowers and trees. I may also write poetry. I am also a trained mediator under the Singapore international mediation centre as an SC judge. I will see how I can explore more of this world.

Cong takes on Modi 3.0, flags govt's 'climb down' on Waqf Bill, lateral entry

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THE Congress on Monday hit out at the BJP-led NDA government over Modi 3.0 completing 100 days, claiming that Narendra Modi in his third term had proved to be a "weak" prime minister who was dependent on crutches and setting new records for U-turns.

At a presser, party spokesperson Supriya Shrinate said the government has been forced to backtrack on many of its decisions due to pressure from opposition and the public.

"The reality is that the Modi government has failed on every front. It has been a government of U-turns — from lateral entry to the Waqf Bill to the Broadcast Bill to NPS (National Pension System) replaced by UPS (Unified Pension System)," she said.

The Congress spokesperson said the past 100 days had weighed heavily on the nation's farmers, youth, women, infrastructure, railways, and overall peace.

These days have proved that Modi has neither a solution nor a vision for the country's problems, she said. "Modi's 'habit' of turning a blind eye to issues and running away from challenges continues to persist."

"Do you remember the tall claims made during the election campaign that Narendra Modi was planning for the first 100 days? Where is that plan now? Because from day one, Modi has proved to be a weak prime minister, dependent on crutches, setting new records for U-turns," Shrinate said.

She said during the last 100 days, there had been 38 train accidents with 21 deaths and more than 112 injuries. From the Kanchanjungha train accident to frequent derailments, hardly a day passes without some train going off track, she said. "Meanwhile, the Railways minister is busy making reels, dismissing these accidents as minor incidents," Shrinate claimed.

The spokesperson also raised the issue of terror attacks, saying 26 such attacks had taken place, with 21 soldiers martyred in the 100-day period. She said 29 soldiers had been injured and 15 civilians died in the attacks.

'Challenges persist'

The past 100 days have proved that Modi has neither a solution nor a vision for the country's problems, Congress spokesperson Supriya Shrinate said. "PM Modi's 'habit' of turning a blind eye to all the issues and running away from challenges continues to persist," she added.

JAMMU AND KASHMIR

Shah reaffirms govt's fight against terrorism

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

HOME Minister Amit Shah, while addressing poll rallies in Jammu on Monday, said the Assembly polls in J&K is a fight between those who abrogated Article 370 (BJP) and those who are claiming to bring it back (NC, PDP and Congress) and asserted that the Modi government will bury the terrorism so deep that it cannot rise again.

"This election is between two forces. On one side are those who pushed J&K into terrorism for their political benefits. For 35 years, J&K was burning in the fire of terrorism. Over 40,000 people were killed," Shah said while addressing a poll rally in Banihal on the last day of the poll campaign for first phase of Assembly polls on September 18.

"I want to tell Farooq Abdullah and Rahul Gandhi that are you ready to take blame for terrorism in J&K. They won't take. I know it. For this reason, we have decided that after polls, BJP will issue a whitepaper to fix responsibility of those involved in eruption of militancy and killings in J&K," he said.

In another poll rally in Padder-Nagseni assembly segment of Kishtwar district, Shah said the fight is between those who abrogated Article 370 (BJP) and those who are claiming to bring it back (NC, PDP and Congress).

"We have decided that J&K is an integral part of India and will remain and nobody can change it. NC has promised that it will restore Art 370 if it wins polls. I want to reiterate that till there is BJP, no power on earth can bring back Art 370."On August 5, centre scrapped J&K's special status and bifurcated erstwhile J&K state into two Union Territories.

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DECIDE

Over 40% Independents in fray in phase-I of polls

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

IN the first Assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir since Article 370 abrogation, the independents are trying their luck in good numbers. Over 40% candidates in the first of three-phase of Assembly polls due on September 18 are independent candidates.

A total of 219 candidates are in fray for the first phase the campaigning for which came to an end today. In the first phase, 18 out of 47 Assembly seats in Kashmir and 8 out of 43 Assembly seats in Jammu region would go to the polls. Of the 16 seats in the Valley, 155 candidates are in the fray.

Of the 155 candidates, a large chunk of 67 candidates are independents.

Only 49 candidates contesting the first phase polls belong to registered political parties while 39 belong to parties, who are other than recognized national and state political parties.

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parties. "The presence of a large number of independents has put the candidates of major political parties in a disadvantage as they would be eating into their votes. If the contest is close, then every vote would count. In such a scenario, the independents can put candidates of major parties at a disadvantage," said a political observer.

The entry of independents in the electoral fray is not restricted to Kashmir. They are also contesting in Jammu region. In the eight Assembly seats in the Jammu region going to polls in the first phase on September 18, 64 candidates are in the fray.

Of them 25 are independent candidates while 31 candidates belong to political parties and 8 belong to parties who are other than recognized national and state political parties.

The highest number of 10 candidates, including three independents, are contesting Bhaderwah constituency.

The highest number of five independents are contesting the Ramban seat, where a total of eight candidates, including two from political parties, are in the fray. The three majority political parties National Conference, Congress and PDP, have alleged that independents are being "supported" by BJP to cut into their votes.

'Accessibility Standards' for disabled a reality now

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

FILMS will now be accessible to the hearing and visually impaired. Standards, aimed at making cinema accessible for people with disabilities in public places like theatres, have come into effect, the information and broadcasting (I&B) ministry said on Monday. The ministry had notified the guidelines in March.

"All feature films that are to be certified in more than one language would be required to provide at least one accessibility feature each for the hearing impaired and visually impaired, i.e. closed captioning/ open captioning and audio description," the ministry said in a statement.

It announced that the "accessibility standards" module in e-Cinepramaan has been successfully deployed as per the September 15 deadline. "The applicants may now apply/submit their films with the required accessibility features for the hearing and visually impaired, as specified in the guidelines," the ministry said.

As per the guidelines, a producer will mandatorily develop a separate copy of the feature films with audio description, open or closed captioning and Indian Sign Language Interpretation for their understanding. The ministry had set September 15 deadline for implementation of these guidelines.

Feature films submitted for consideration in the National Film Awards, the Indian Panorama section of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) and other film festivals will mandatorily include closed captioning and audio description with effect from January 1, 2025, the ministry said.

"All other feature films being certified through CBFC, including teasers and trailers and meant for theatrical release (digital feature films), would be required to mandatorily provide accessibility features from March 3, 2026," it said.

As per the guidelines, a producer will mandatorily develop a separate copy of the feature films with audio description, open or closed captioning and Indian Sign Language Interpretation for their understanding. Film producers are required to deliver the film for certification to CBFC along with files of accessibility features.

"The initiative aligns with the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (RPwD Act), which mandates government action to promote universal access and inclusion in information and communication, including access to films," said the ministry.

The guidelines say that the theatre owners will develop self-regulatory plans foraccessibility, following consultations with disability stakeholders and implement accessibility features within two years. A committee appointed by the ministry with half its members being persons with hearing or visual disabilities and representatives from the film industry will oversee implementation of accessibility standards and provide guidance.

The Delhi HC had asked the Centre in November last year to put in public domain the draft guidelines for making the experience of watching films friendly for those with hearing and visual disabilities.

Wanna own gears of Paralympians? Auction of PM mementoes begins today

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

THE sixth edition of the auction of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mementos provides an opportunity to grab footwear and sports gears used by the Indian medallists of recently concluded Paris Paralympics.

The highest priced mementos up for sale are a pair of spike shoes presented to the PM by silver medallist javelin thrower Ajeet Singh Yadav, para-athlete Simran Sharma, and high jumper Nishad Kumar as well as a signed cap of silver medallist Sharad Kumar -- all priced around ₹2.86 lakh.

Badminton racket of Paralympics bronze medallist Nithya Sre Sivan and shuttler Sukant Kadam and discus of the silver medallist Yogesh Khatuniya have been priced at ₹5.50 lakh.

"The portal of the auction will go live on Tuesday," announced union culture minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat. A white Nagpuri cotton angavastram (stole) with detailed woven border and a couple of traditional headgears of different states are among a couple of mementos are of the lowest base price at ₹600.

"A committee evaluates the mementos and decides the base price. Total values of articles under auction this year decided by the committee is ₹1.5 crore. However, these souvenirs given to the PM have sentimental values, hence they are priceless and their monetary values are symbolic," said the minister.

Shekhawat said that this year 602 memorabilia are part of the auction. Last year, 912 articles were auctioned and the ministry fetched ₹11 crore while the reserve price of the items was ₹2.8 crore. So far, the government has collected ₹54 crore through the bids.

The amount collected through the sale of articles goes to the Namami Gange Programme. About 100 mementos are displayed at the National Gallery of Modern Art in New Delhi. The auction will start on September 17, PM Modi's birthday, and will end on October 2.

TRAIN DERAILMENT

Three wagons of a Bengaluru-bound goods train derailed between Misrod and Mandideep stations near Bhopal on Monday, affecting traffic on one line, an official said. Efforts are underway to restore the route.

4 DEAD — IN RAIN-RELATED INCIDENTS IN UP

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	42	27	Mumbai	35	29
Bhopal	43	28	Panaji	32	28
Jaipur	41	30	Patna	41	27
Amritsar	40	23	Lucknow	42	27
Chennai	39	30	Port Blair	34	28
Kolkata	36	26	Imphal	23	18
Srinagar	18	08	Chandigarh	42	23

RG KAR: Jawhar Sircar says he disapproved the handling of the case by TMC govt ■ Docs demand end of threat culture in medical institutions

'Total societal movement in Bengal'

"MY time is up, Sir." **Jawhar Sircar** quipped in his quintessential style while tendering his resignation to Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar. Never shied away from airing his views—off course, erudite—the Presidency College alumnus cracked the UPSC exams at an early age and went on to become one of the most formidable and distinguished bureaucrats heading several high-profile departments at the state as well as the Centre. The Bengali bhadralok had a clear vision for the country's public broadcaster—Prasar Bharti—when he was CEO. He quit the Trinamool Congress very recently in the wake of the horrific rape-murder of a trainee doctor at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital as he didn't like the handling of the case by the state administration. **Excerpts:**

Would you call the protest against the rape-murder of a trainee doctor at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital political?

I believe that the bulk of the protest is non-political. It is outpouring of public emotion demanding justice for the victim — a young doctor. I have never seen such sustained spontaneous protest in my life. I am not aware of any such protest. I can say that the current protest is bigger than the food movement in 1959 or students' movement by the Left during 1966-67.

That's the point of differences I had with the Trinamool Congress leadership, which, as a political party, refused to acknowledge that most of the protests are non-political. The party sees the role of the Opposition parties — the BJP and the CPM — in engineering the protests.

The second part of the protest, Reclaim The Night may appear to be occupation of public space at night—both spatial and temporal space—but it has a wider meaning for the society. It is a manifestation of a women led people's demand for justice not only for the poor woman victim but for womankind as a whole.

Look at how women from all walks of life have hit the streets to 'Reclaim' seeking a guarantee for justice from government but also from society. Their pent-up anger against patriarchy in society also. The horrific rape-murder of the 31-year-old doctor was the trigger point for this wider issue.

The protests are signs of people's anger against the TMC government?

It is a total societal movement happening. Else, how would one describe the participation of almost all sectors — from cab drivers to Swiggy delivery personnel, from common citizens to housewives, old and young—join the protests. The message is loud and clear —Bengal isn't prepared to let culprits to go unpunished. It is a collective angst. It is a clear assertion of the people of Bengal that they will tolerate horrific rapes that happened in Hathras, Unnao or Kathua in Bengal.

A Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh cannot be allowed in Bengal.

In your resignation letter, you were very critical of the handling of the case. Please elaborate.

I had differences with the party leadership. My approach is different. I would have jumped straight into the problem and opened dialogues and back channels, then talk and talk till a resolution is found.

I remember an incident at Barrackpore Rastraguru Surendranath College in 1979 when as an IAS officer I, despite repeated warning by fellow officers, I went straight in the college and engaged with the protesting students.

I believe that both parties—the state government and the protesting doctors —must engage, talk to each other and find a solution. Only dialogues can resolve the situation.

What next for you?

I will continue to fight for the right causes. I will speak and write.

Docs demand nat'l support for justice

ASHISH SRIVASTAVA @ New Delhi

THE national capital on Monday witnessed a united show of doctors' strength who came together to demand justice for their colleague in Kolkata. Senior doctors and a delegation from the West Bengal Junior Doctors Front (WBJDF) held a joint press conference with Delhi Resident Doctors Associations (RDAs) seeking national support for their justice amid the standoff with the West Bengal government.

The doctors accused the Kolkata Police of evidence tampering and demanding a thorough probe by the CBI. Subarna Goswami, a prominent member of the Joint Forum of Doctors, sought accountability, stating, "We want the Kolkata Police Commissioner to be removed and a probe to find out under whose direction he was acting," said Dr Goswami.

He criticised what he described as a "health syndicate" within the state administration. He alleged that the syndicate, involving high-ranking officials and medical institution heads, was obstructing the investigation and tampering evidence. "This syndicate, responsible for rampant corruption in every health institution, must be dismantled to ensure the safety of junior doctors when they return to work," he asserted.

The junior doctors' delegation reiterated their demands including enhanced workplace safety, implementation of gender audits, establishment of Internal Complaint Committees in all institutions, and an end to the threat culture in medical institutions.

The medicos called for national solidarity, urging citizens across the country to support their cause. "We implore everybody to resonate with our 5-point demands of justice. Together, we hope that we can be united in the face of injustice, cowardice and malice and reclaim back the basic tenets of liberty, autonomy and justice," they said.

Meanwhile, the Delhi RDAs, extending solidarity to their colleagues in West Bengal, warned that any coercive action by the Mamata Banerjee government against the protesting doctors will lead to escalation of the protest.

"While we have temporarily suspended our strike as per the Supreme Court's directive, any coercive measures against our fellow doctors in West Bengal will force us to resume our nationwide strike," said Indra Shekhar, President of the AIIMS RDA.

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Sulking 'Chhoti Bahu' Aparna Yadav pacified

Upset over her appointment as vice-chairperson of Uttar Pradesh State Women's Commission, Aparna Yadav, the Chhoti Bahu of SP patriarch late Mulayam Singh Yadav, finally assumed the office on Wednesday but not before meeting UP CM Yogi Adityanath. After being anointed to the post early this month, Aparna had delayed her joining while the other office-bearers, including Babita Chauhan as chairperson and Charu Chaudhary as another vice-chairperson had assumed their roles immediately. Aparna was unhappy with her role as she felt that she deserved better given political stature of her family.

Ayodhya emerges as top tourist destination

Ayodhya has edged out Varanasi to emerge as the top tourist attraction in UP, with 11 crore domestic and international tourists visiting the temple town in the first six months of this year as compared to 4.61 crore visiting Varanasi. The surge is evident. When compared with the first six months of last year, which saw 19,60, 34, 967 tourists, this year registered a jump of over 13 crore visitors with Ayodhya being on top of the list with 10.99 crore tourists, including 2,851 foreign visitors, thronging the temple town. Varanasi followed with 4.61 crore, including 1,33,999 international travellers.

On governance, CM Yogi leaves nothing to chance

After the debacle in recent Lok Sabha polls, UP CM Yogi Adityanath is making changes to streamline the governance further and ensure efficient monitoring of government schemes at the district level. In a recent development, he allocated new district responsibilities to both the deputy chief ministers, ministers, state ministers with independent charge. Yogi, along with his two deputies, will now oversee the review of 25 districts each, with district assignments rotating every four months. Yogi pushed ministers to maintain coordination and work in collaboration with the organisation to ensure public welfare policies and schemes were implemented.

'One nation, one election' gets Nitish backing, CM says beneficial for growth

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

BIHAR chief minister Nitish Kumar's Janata Dal (United) lent its support to its ally—BJP's 'one nation, one election' plan. JD(U), in a statement issued on Monday, highlighted the benefits of 'one nation, one election' policy of BJP and said that it was beneficial for the nation's all-round development.

JD(U) national spokesperson Rajiv Ranjan Prasad said that frequent elections created hurdles in the progress of the country as a huge amount of public money is spent on conducting elections. "By doing so, the country will not only get rid of frequent elections but also the Centre will focus on stable policies and evidence-based reforms," he added. Prasad, who was made national spokesperson after senior party leader K C Tyagi resigned from the post, exuded confidence that voters in large numbers would turn up at booths if 'one nation, one election' policy was implemented. "JD(U) lends its full support to 'one nation, one election' plan of the national democratic alliance, of which JD(U) is a part," he asserted.

JD(U) leader contended that whatever decisions related to development are taken by the Centre, it would be implemented in a better manner after simultaneous election policy come into effect. JD(U)'s reactions came in the wake of Prime Minister Narendra Modi led NDA government's recent initiative to implement 'one nation, one election' in its third term.

PM Modi, in his Independence Day address, had made a strong pitch for simultaneous elections, saying that frequent elections created hurdles in country's progress. BJP in its election manifesto had promised to implement 'one nation, one election' plan during its third term. In March 2024, a high-level committee on 'one nation, one election' led by former President Ram Nath Kovind submitted its report supporting the idea.

Sources said with PM Modi 3.0 government set to complete its 100 days on September 17, the party wanted to fulfil election promise in five years.

Oppn spreading negativity, trying to reinstate Article 370, says Modi

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Monday criticised the Opposition, accusing some individuals of trying to undermine the country's unity by fragmenting it and attempting to reintroduce Article 370 in Kashmir. The PM's speech at the launch of various development projects at the GMDC ground in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, underscored the importance of every Indian aspiring to be a global ambassador for the nation and showcasing its strengths, while also acknowledging that some individuals are spreading negativity.

"Some individuals promise to restore Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir to reintroduce dual constitutions and legislations," he added.

Their hatred, the PM said, blinds them to the point where they seize every opportunity to defame India. They are also persistently targeting Gujarat.

While inaugurating the 4th Global Renewable Energy Investor's Meet and Expo (RE-INVEST) at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar earlier in the day, PM Modi declared, "India's diversity, scale, capacity, potential, and performance are exceptional, setting the stage for Indian solutions to have global applications. Not just India, but the entire world believes that India is the best bet of the 21st century."

He then reflected on recent global events hosted by India: "In the past month alone, we organised the Global Fintech Fest, saw participation in the First International Solar Festival, held the Global Semiconductor Summit, and hosted the 2nd Asia-Pacific Civil Aviation Ministerial Conference. Today, we continue this trend by hosting a conference on Green Energy." Enumerating his government's priorities and progress during its first 100 days in office, the PM said, "We have taken significant decisions, including the construction of seven crore houses—more than the population of many countries—with four crore houses already handed out in previous terms. We've also approved 12 new industrial cities, green-lit eight high-speed road corridor projects, launched over 15 semi-high-speed Vande Bharat trains, and established a research fund of Rs 1 trillion. Additionally, we've announced various e-mobility initiatives,promoted high-performance biomanufacturing, and approved the Bio E3 policy."

Manipur net ban lifted, schools to reopen today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Guwahati

THE Manipur government on Monday lifted the week-long ban on mobile internet services in the five Imphal Valley districts and ordered the reopening of schools and colleges from Tuesday.

The decisions were made as no major incidents of violence were reported since last Wednesday. "...the Governor of Manipur is pleased to order revocation of any extant orders for temporary suspension of internet and mobile data services including Lease Lines, VSATs, Broadbands and VPN services in the territorial jurisdiction of the state with immediate effect," an order issued by the home department said.

The ban on internet was imposed in the Imphal East, Imphal West, Thoubal, Bishnupur and Kakching districts on September 10 following the outbreak of violence during protests by the students. Broadband and fixed lease line internet services were restored on September 12.

However, curfew is on in Imphal East, Imphal West, Thoubal and Bishnupur, albeit with relaxation. CM urged everyone to use the internet responsibly and refrain from posting any inflammatory content.

6L applications for 300 hostel superintendent posts

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

THE fixation for a government job among the youth remains high. In a recruitment exam conducted by the Chhattisgarh Vyavsayik Pariksha Mandal (Professional Examination Board) for 300 posts of students' hostels superintendent, over 3.53 lakh aspirants appeared on Sunday. As many as 6.30 lakh youths had initially put in their applications.

Such a huge number of applicants were vying for the post for which the minimum education qualification was 12th pass. The exam was conducted in one sitting across the state with the board making elaborate arrangements and creating over 2,000 exam centres.

It is for the first time the board has conducted recruitment tests for any post at such a scale held in one sitting, said a senior official familiar with the examination process for government appointment.

The 300 posts were for the superintendents of students' hostels belonging to the SC/ST welfare department. The model answers for the questions during the exam were expected to be released later this month.

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The advertisement for the recruitment of 300 superintendent posts were announced in October last year and the applications were invited this year. "We were astounded with the response. Over 3.53 lakh of them, which is around 56% of the total applications, turned up for the recruitment test", the officer said.

The required qualification also included the knowledge of the computer. The age limit was between 18 and 35 years. The reserved category candidates received some age-limit relaxation.

State capital Raipur's 165 exam centres had around 34 thousand applicants present. Not just candidates who were 12th pass, which was the recruitment eligibility criterion but many post-graduates in different streams and from other professional courses aspired for the given job. The experts interpreted the number of applicants aiming for the job as indicative of the enormity of existing unemployment.

"The clamour for government jobs is such that overqualified youths also apply for lower posts just to get into secured employment. This indicates lethargy among the youth to work while waiting to get these jobs, perpetually causing large-scale unemployment and burden on families. Youths should get familiar with various other options," said an academic Jawahar Surisetti, who helps youths to find a meaningful career.

The examination comprised 100 multiple-choice questions carrying one mark each for a correct response. The youths who appeared in the test later shared that they faced some strange and interesting questions like what's name of the national vegetable.

LAWMAKERS IN SPOT

SP MLA accused of abetment to suicide of minor on the run

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

AFTER getting booked in two cases, including abetment to suicide and keeping a bonded labourer, Samajwadi Party (SP) MLA Zahid Beg and his wife Seema Beg have been absconding from their house in Bhadohi. The district police took their son to Kotwali police station for questioning on Sunday.

As per Bhadohi ASP Rajvir Singh, after lodging FIRs against the MLA and his wife in connection with the alleged suicide of a teenage girl who was working as a domestic help and the rescue of another minor girl from MLA's residence, the couple is absconding. "To know the duo's whereabouts, police are interrogating people associated with the MLA," he said, adding that the MLA's son, Zayeem Beg and his security guard had also been interrogated. After a questioning session, he was released, said police.

Following the alleged suicide of a 17-year-old girl at the top floor of the MLA's house in Bhadohi on September 9, and the rescue of a 15-year-old girl by a joint team of labour, an FIR was lodged against the MLA and his wife on the charges of human trafficking and keeping bonded labour.

Cong MLA's son booked for girl's suicide in MP

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

AN alleged suicide by a 25-year-old girl and booking of the local Congress MLA's son for abetting the suicide has heated up the BJP-Congress politics in tribal-dominated Alirajpur district of Madhya Pradesh.

The young girl allegedly committed suicide on September 13. A probe by the additional SP, which included recording statements of her mother, brother and other family members, brought to the fore the suspected role of the local Congress MLA Sena Mahesh Patel's son Pushpraj 'Bhaiyu' Patel. "Based on the findings of the probe being conducted by the ASP, a case under Section 108 of BNS (abetment of suicide) has been registered against Pushpraj alias Bhaiyu Patel," SP-Alirajpur district Rajesh Vyas said on Monday.

Bhaiyu Patel is a school-time friend of the deceased girl. Pushpraj's father Mahesh Patel, who is the former Alirajpur district Congress chief and husband of Jobat seat MLA Sena Patel, however, claimed that the police acted hastily. "My son and that promising daughter knew each other. But the girl's social media and phone data suggests that my son has nothing to do it," said Patel.

15 People died in Central Europe after flooding sparked by Storm Boris

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	29	20	SNY	Los Angeles	24	15	SNY
Colombo	31	28	SNY	Melbourne	16	8	SNY
Dhaka	34	28	SNY	Moscow	26	9	SNY
Dubai	36	32	SNY	New York	26	19	SNY
Houston	34	25	SNY	Singapore	31	27	SNY
Istanbul	26	18	SNY	Toronto	23	17	SNY
London	20	14	SNY	Washington	17	15	LR

Trump's attacker had planned to recruit Afghans to fight for Ukraine

Ryan Wesley Routh has criminal record, posted on politics, donated to Democratic party

WASHINGTON

The 58-year-old man detained in connection with an apparent assassination attempt on former president Donald Trump has said in an interview in 2023 that he planned to recruit potential Afghan soldiers through Pakistan to fight in Ukraine against Russia.

Ryan Wesley Routh, who authorities suspect was planning to attack the Republican presidential nominee as he played a round of golf, made these remarks to *The New York Times*.

During an interview with newspaper in 2023, Routh also said he was seeking recruits for Ukraine from among Afghan soldiers who had fled the Taliban. He said he planned to move them, in some cases illegally, from Pakistan and Iran to Ukraine. He said dozens had expressed interest.

"We can probably purchase some passports through Pakistan since it's such a corrupt country," he was quoted by the *New York Times*.

He has shown pro-Ukraine views into his public statements because of which he was interviewed by several news organisations, including *The New York Times* and Semafor in 2023. Routh is a self-employed affordable housing builder in Hawaii who at times has criticised the former president.

During Sunday's attack, Trump was on the course, a few hundred yards away, when Secret Service personnel spotted Routh concealed in the bushes and opened fire, law enforcement officials were quoted as saying by the *New York Times*.

He fled the scene in a vehicle and was taken into custody during a traffic stop, and a rifle with a scope was recovered from the bushes, along with a camera and two backpacks, the report added.

Routh, who authorities suspect was planning to attack the former president as he played a round of golf, posted comments on an X account linked to him referencing the assassination attempt on Trump in July, *CNN* reported.

Routh, who has a lengthy criminal record from North Carolina, frequently posted about politics and exclusively donated to Democratic candidates and causes dating back to 2019, the *New York Post* reported.

He also bashed Trump in an April 22 post on X. *PTI*

Photos show an AK-47 rifle, a backpack and a Go-Pro camera on a fence outside Trump International Golf Club displayed during a news conference on Sunday in West Palm Beach | AP

Musk deletes his joke tweet on Trump assassination

Elon Musk deleted a post on Monday morning that questioned why former President Donald Trump has faced two apparent assassination attempts in recent months while President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris have not encountered any, *CNN* reported. Musk later claimed the post was a joke. "And no one is even trying to assassinate Biden/Kamala □," Musk wrote in the now-deleted X post. Musk initially resisted numerous calls throughout Sunday night to delete the post. In one post responding to a demand to take down his remarks, Musk doubled down: "No one has even tried to do so is the point I'm making and no one will."

Secret Service needs more hands: Biden

WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Joe Biden said on Monday that the US Secret Service needs more personnel to perform its duties after a second apparent assassination attempt against Republican election candidate Donald Trump.

"One thing I want to make clear, the (secret) service needs more help, and I think the Congress should respond to their needs," Biden told reporters at the White House.

"I think we may need more personnel."

Biden added that "thank God the president's OK" following Sunday's incident in which the Secret Service opened fire on a gunman, who was later arrested, in Florida.

Meanwhile, Donald Trump on Monday blamed his election rival Kamala Harris and US President Joe Biden after he was targeted in a second apparent assassination attempt, saying their "rhetoric" about him endangering democracy is to blame. Trump's rapid politicisation of Sunday's incident, in which a man allegedly planned to fire on the Republican while he played golf in Florida, guaranteed that tensions ahead of the presidential election in seven weeks would continue to boil.

Both Biden and Harris have denounced the event.

A policeman blocks the entrance to a road as fallen trees obstruct commute in the area on Monday | AP

Worst typhoon in 75 years brings Shanghai to a halt

BEIJING

BEBINCA, the strongest typhoon to have hit China's Shanghai city in 75 years, on Monday left a trail of destruction, bringing the megacity with a 25 million population to a grinding halt. Bebinca, the 13th typhoon to hit China this year, made landfall in Shanghai around 7:30 am, according to the Shanghai Central Meteorological Observatory. The typhoon, with the maximum wind force near its centre reaching 42 meters per second, churned ashore at the Lingang area of Pudong district. Bebinca unleashed gales and torrential rain in the city, state-run *Xinhua* reported.

Pictures on social media showed trees uprooted and light poles toppled. The typhoon ruined the three-day Mid-Autumn Festival holiday for the people of Shanghai. Authorities advised residents to stay indoors unless necessary.

On Sunday, the State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters activated the Level-IV emergency response for China's eastern Anhui Province and raised the response in Shanghai and Zhejiang provinces to Level III.

Bebinca has led to flight cancellations over Shanghai and the suspension of passenger ferry operations in the city. Shanghai Railway Station also suspended passenger trains on several routes passing through the city till Monday.

Shanghai Disneyland, Disneytown and Wishing Star Park remain closed on Monday, with the two resort hotels providing services to in-house guests, the Shanghai Disney Resort said in a statement. It added that normal operations are expected to resume from Tuesday.

Before the typhoon arrived, officials took precautionary measures such as closing the Yangshan freight port. Arrangements were made for truck drivers to stay in a "drivers' home" near the port.

Doctors and nurses in the city were busy as the typhoon created trouble for their patients. Shanghai First Maternity and Infant Hospital issued a notice on Monday asking pregnant women who were unable to come for their regular checks to reschedule. *PTI*

Russia furious as Ukraine invites UN, Red Cross to seized regions in Kursk

KYIV

UKRAINE on Monday said it had asked the UN and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to verify the situation in areas of Russia's Kursk region seized by Kyiv.

"I instructed the Ukrainian foreign ministry to officially invite the UN and ICRC to join humanitarian efforts in the Kursk region," Foreign Minister Andriy Sybiga said. "Ukraine is ready to facilitate their work and prove its adherence to international humanitarian law," he added. Ukraine has been careful to present its army in a different light than the Russian forces that are occupying around 20% of Ukrainian territory.

Moscow has denounced the offensive that has pushed some 150,000 Russian civilians to evacuate, and dismissed Kyiv's proposal on Monday.

"This is a pure provocation. And we expect a sober assessment of such provocative statements" by the UN and ICRC, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said. The remarks come as Moscow is hosting ICRC President Mirjana Spoljaric, who will speak with Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov on Tuesday.

Russia has insisted from the very start that it would expel Ukrainian troops from the region and appeared to be on the back foot until last week, when it said it had recaptured parts of the Kursk region. As Russia's counteroffensive mounts, Moscow said it retook two villages – Uspenovka and Borki – in Kursk on Monday. Russia ordered the evacuation of villages close to the Ukrainian border in the Kursk region, the local governor said. *AFP*

Court room sketch of Peter Cherif | AFP

Trial begins of man close to Charlie Hebdo attackers

PARIS

A French jihadist, who was close to the brothers behind the 2015 massacre at the satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo, went on trial in Paris on Monday.

Peter Cherif, also known as Abou Hamza, was arrested in Djibouti in 2018 after years allegedly fighting in the ranks of Al-Qaeda in the Middle East.

He is being tried for terrorism-related offences allegedly committed between 2011 and 2018, and the 2011 kidnapping of three French aid workers in Yemen. In 2015, Cherif was placed on a US blacklist as a member of the Yemen-based militant group Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP).

Cherif, 42, was linked to a Paris jihadist cell and was named in the enquiry into the January 2015 attack on satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo, due to his regular contact with the perpetrators, brothers Said and Cherif Kouachi.

Twelve people were killed in the massacre that sent shock waves across France.

Peter Cherif has not been formally charged over the attack but his potential involvement is expected to be at the centre of the trial.

Investigating judges believe that he "facilitated the integration into AQAP of one of the Kouachi brothers, most probably Cherif" and that he had knowledge of the plan to carry out an attack in France

According to several witnesses, AQAP advised foreign fighters in Yemen to return to their countries of origin to stage attacks. Peter Cherif is also believed to have maintained contact with Cherif Kouachi on his return to France. *AFP*

Shogun, Hacks' win top Emmy Awards

THE 76TH ANNUAL EMMY AWARDS WERE HANDED OUT ON SUNDAY AT THE PEACOCK THEATER IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES

THE BIG HITTERS

Drama series: **Shogun**

Comedy series: **Hacks**

Limited, anthology series, movie: **Baby Reindeer**

Actor in a drama series: **Hiroyuki Sanada, Shogun**

Actress in a drama series: **Anna Sawai, Shogun**

Supporting actor in a drama series: **Billy Crudup, The Morning Show**

Supporting actress in a drama series: **Elizabeth Debicki, The Crown**

Actor in a comedy series: **Jeremy Allen White, The Bear**

Actress in a comedy series: **Jean Smart, Hacks**

Supporting actress in a comedy series: **Liza Colón-Zayas, The Bear**

Supporting actor in a comedy series: **Ebon Moss-Bachrach, The Bear**

Actor in a limited, anthology series or movie: **Richard Gadd, Baby Reindeer**

Actress in a limited, anthology series or movie: **Jodie Foster, True Detective: Night Country**

Supporting actress limited, anthology series or movie: **Jessica Gunning, Baby Reindeer**

Supporting actor in a limited, anthology series or movie: **Lamorne Morris, Fargo**

RICHARD GADD

The team from Shogun accepts the award for outstanding drama series

Reality competition program: **The Traitors, Peacock**

Scripted variety series: **Last Week Tonight with John Oliver**

Talk series: **The Daily Show**

Writing for a variety special: **Alex Edelman, Just for Us**

Writing for a comedy series: **Lucia Aniello, Paul W. Downs and Jen Statsky, Hacks**

Writing for a drama series: **Will Smith, Slow Horses**

Writing for a limited series, anthology or movie: **Richard Gadd, Baby Reindeer**

Israel air strike in Gaza kills 18, injured 15 others

GAZA

GAZA medics and rescuers on Monday said Israeli strikes on several homes killed at least 18 people, as Hamas claimed it had ample resources to sustain its fight nearly a year into the war.

The latest strikes came as Israeli Defence Minister Yoav Gallant warned that prospects for a halt in fighting with Hezbollah militants along the Lebanon border were dimming, yet again raising fears of a wider regional conflagration.

Senior Hamas official Osama Hamdan said in Istanbul on Sunday: "The resistance has a high ability to continue."

"There were martyrs and there were sacrifices... but in return there was an accumulation of experiences and the recruitment of new generations into the resistance."

His comments came less than a week after Gallant told journalists that Hamas, whose October 7 attack triggered the war, "no longer exists" as a military formation in Gaza.

Deadly fighting raged on in the Gaza Strip on Monday, with survivors seen searching through the debris of crushed buildings following a strike on the Nuseirat refugee camp in central Gaza.

Ten people were killed and 15 others were wounded when an air strike hit the home of the Al-Qassas family in Nuseirat on Monday morning, a medic at Al-Awda hospital, said. *AFP*

Nobel laureate slams UN for silence, inaction

PARIS

JAILED Nobel Peace Prize winner Narges Mohammadi on Monday urged the international community to act to end the "oppression" of women in Iran, two years after the start of a women-led protest movement. "I call on international institutions and people around the world... to take active action," she said in a letter written in Tehran's Evin prison on Saturday, and published by her foundation on Monday.

"I urge the United Nations to end its silence and inaction in the face of the devastating oppression and discrimination by theocratic and authoritarian governments against women by criminalising gender apartheid," she said. The "Woman, Life, Freedom" protests were sparked by the death in custody of a 22-year-old Iranian Kurd called Mahsa Amini in 2022, after she was arrested for allegedly breaching the country's strict dress code for her gender. Mohammadi – who has campaigned against the compulsory wearing of the headscarf for women and the death penalty in Iran – has been in Tehran's Evin prison since 2021. She has spent much of the past decade in and out of jail. On Sunday she was one of 34 women in the Evin prison to stage a 24-hour symbolic hunger strike on the second anniversary of the protest movement "in solidarity with the protesting people of Iran, against the government's oppressive policies", her foundation said. Mohammadi's children received the Nobel Peace Prize on her behalf in 2023 while she was incarcerated. *AFP*

WESTERN RAILWAY

QUARRYING & SUPPLYING WORK

Divisional Railway Manager (WA) Western Railway, 6th floor, Engg. Deptt. Mumbai Central, Mumbai - 400 008, invites **E-Tender No: BCT/24-25/163 dtd.10.09.2024. Work and location: Churchgate - Virar section:** Quarrying and supplying of machine crushed stone ballast from the Western Railway Quarry at Virar. (Quantity- 100000 Cum). **Approx. cost of work: ₹4,70,46,198/- EMD: ₹3,85,200/-. Date & Time of submission : till 08.10.2024, 15:00 hrs. & Date & Time of opening : On 08.10.2024 at 15:30 hrs.** For further details please visit **www.ireps.gov.in. Manual offers will not be considered.** 0537

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client have lost the Original Sale deed Executed by Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) in favor of **Smt. Gayathri Devi, Registered in the office of the Sub- Registrar BDA, dated:10/07/2024, Registered as document No. BDA-1-01064-2024-25, Pages-9, stored in a centralized data cell.** In this regard my client have lodged a police complaint in Bangalore city crime branch on 14/09/2024, vide lost report No.1239804/2024 If anyone find the above said original sale deed kindly handover same to the undersigned address.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing **Site No.99, formed by BDA,** situated at **BTM Madiwala Dollars Scheme layout, Madiwala, Bangalore, measuring East to West: 24.39 meters** and **North to South 15.24 meters, totally measuring 371.70 Sq.meters** and bounded on:

East by : Road
West by : Site No.103 and 102
North by : Site No.98
South by : Site No.100

Sd/-
Prasad Badhya, Advocate
No.739/39, 1st Floor, Dr. Rajakumar Road, 6th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010
Mob:9844788741
Date:14/09/2023 Place: Bangalore

BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU COMPANY PETITION NO. (IB) NO. 121/(BB)/2024
IN THE MATTER OF:
VREON Tech India Private Limited .....Operational Creditor
Versus
Augver Digital Solutions Private Limited .....Corporate Debtor
CP (IB) No. 121/BB/2024
Notice to: Augver Digital Solutions Private Limited (CIN: U74999KA2017PTC099277)

WHEREAS, a Petition under Section 9 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 has been filed by the Operational Creditor (VREON Tech India Private Limited) before the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), Bengaluru Bench. The Hon'ble NCLT *vide* order dated 10.09.2024 has directed the Operational Creditor to adopt the mode of substituted service by way of publication for issuance of notice owing to the fact that notice *via* RPAD has returned as "Addressee left without instructions".

TAKE NOTICE that the above captioned matter will now be listed on 14.10.2024. You may either appear in person or through your Authorized Representative and in default of your appearance on the aforementioned date of hearing, the case may be heard and decided in your absence. Further as per the order passed by the Hon'ble Tribunal in the above-captioned matter, you are hereby directed to file objections within two weeks after the date of receipt of notice, before the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Bengaluru Bench.

Adith Jahgirdar and Abhishek Sriram
Advocates for the Operational Creditor

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client Smt. SAKKUBAI W/o late G. Krishnaswamy Naidu, aged about 89 years, residing at No.142/112, 3rd Cross, Milk Colony, Malleswaram,Bangalore-560055 was the absolute owner of the property described herein below. She informed me that, she had lost **Original Katha Endorsement** dated 22-02-2011 issued by Bangalore Development Authority in her favour pertaining to the Schedule Property and she has registered in an online Police Complaint No.1219295/2024 on 31-08-2024 in respect of the same. My Client requests that, if any person finds the aforesaid documents, please deliver the same to the undersigned. **SCHEDULE**

All that piece and parcel of the Site bearing BDA No.201, PID No.4312061239, situated at Sir M.Vishweshwaraiah Layout VI Block Extention,Bangalore, measuring East to West 12 Mtrs and North to South 18 Mtrs., totally measuring 216 Sq.Mtrs and bounded on the; **East by:** Site No.200, **West by:** Site No.202, **North by:** Private Property, **South by:** Road. **Place:** Bengaluru **Dated:** 17-09-2024

Sunitha Sharma (Advocate)
No.2378/12, JP Masion,13th Main, A Block, 2nd Stage, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560010.
Moblie: 94488 58119

PUBLIC NOTICE

THAT our client is intending to purchase the schedule property from Sri D K MAHENDRA KUMAR, D K ROOP KUMAR, D K UDAYA KUMAR, D K SASHI KUMAR, Smt. D K TEJAKUMARI, Smt. NALINI J IJARI, Smt. MANJULA B BARIGALI, Sri ASHOK KUMAR N D, Miss A N ROOPASHREE, Miss LAVANYA A N and Smt. A N HARSHINI, being legal heirs of late K. P. Dharanaiah and Smt. D Nagarathnamma, for valuable consideration and any person/s, asserting any right, title or interest and financial institutions asserting any claims, lien or charge over the schedule property or part thereof in any manner or against the aforesaid person/s shall file objections to the undersigned within SEVEN days from today with all the documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting his / her / their rights and after which period our client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction and any claim or objections received thereafter will not be entertained and or binding over the schedule property and our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY No.8, (Old No.226) situated at 3rd Cross, Kilari Road, Bengaluru-560053 Ward No.109 Chickpet, bearing PID No.28-48-8 measuring East to West 60.6 ft. and North to South 27.6 ft. in all measuring 1663.75 sq. Ft. (154.567 sq. Mtrs.) together with building and the entire property is Bounded on

East by : Property of Raghuvaiah,
West by : 3rd Cross Road,
North by : Property No.7,
South by : Property No.9.

S. J. SANGHVI, Advocate, **Dt.17/09/2023, Place. Bangalore**
#518, Avenue Road, Bangalore-560 002, 98440 97226.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that **GEETHAMANI H.S W/o Late Ramanujam,** No.46, 6th Cross, R K Layout, Near D G Hospital, Padmanabhanagar, Bangalore City - 560070. she has lost the original Sale deed, Document No.SNo.KEN-01-00745-2005-06, dated 06-04-2005, C.D.No.KEND200, and also has lodged Police Complaint in Bangalore City Police, vide lost report No.**1183961/2024,** dated **08/08/2024**, In case anybody find said Documents, shall inform the above mentioned Address / below mentioned Contact Number : 9900938536.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our clients intend purchasing the Schedule Property from Mr.Basavaraj J. R. Any person/s having any claim/s over the Schedule Property or any objection for the purchase of the Schedule Property by our clients may lodge his/her/their claim/s and objection/s to the undersigned with documentary proof within 10 days from today, failing which, it will be deemed that there are no claim/s or the objection/s and/or claim/s if any, has/have been given up and our clients will proceed ahead with the transaction of purchasing the Schedule Property as being free from any or all claim/s, right/s, encumbrance/s etc.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Vacant Site No.224, Old Khatha No.591-664/224, presently BBMP new Khatha No.179/185/190/3/224, situated in Panduranganagar, Doresanipalya, Bannerghatta Road, Bilekahalli, Bangalore – 560 076, (Formerly Bilekahallli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk), presently comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP, Ward No.187 - Puttenahalli, measuring East to West: 85 feet and North to South: 50 feet in all measuring 4250 sq.ft., together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever underneath or above the surface and bounded on the:

East by : 60 Feet Road;
West by : Site No.219;
North by : Site No.223;
South by : Site No.225.

Abhinav .R, Advocate
M/s. Kumar & Kumar, Advocates
"Central Chambers" F-113, 3rd Floor, 2nd Main Road, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru - 560 009. Date: 16.09.2024

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B-257 **Letter No.4186 dt.12.09.2024**

1	No. of the work	:	3 number Road & Bridge Works.
2	Estimated cost	:	Rs. 185.56 Lakhs to Rs. 297.37 Lakhs
3	Class of Contractor	:	"B" & "A" Class
4	Period of completion	:	08 (Eight) Calendar Months to 10 (Ten) Calendar Months
5	Date and Time of availability of Bid document in the portal	:	From 11.30 Hours of 23.09.2024 to 16.00 Hours of 08.10.2024
6	Last date / Time for receipt of bids in the portal	:	16.00 Hours of 08.10.2024
7	Date of opening of Bid from Portal	:	11.30 Hours on 09.10.2024
8	Name and address of the officer inviting Bid	:-	Chief Construction Engineer, Keonjhar (R&B) Circle, Keonjhar-758001.

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal "http://tendersodisha.gov.in"

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer Keonjhar (R&B) Circle, Keonjhar

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Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX	
97.84	Sensex	82,988.78	₹110	24 carat (10 gm)	₹75,150	₹1,000	1 kg	₹93,000	Dollar	83.85
27.25	Nifty	25,383.75	₹150	22 carat (10 gm)	₹68,950	₹10	10 gm	₹930	Euro	93.35

Govt may develop K'taka as semiconductor hub

Karnataka government and Centre working together to create semiconductor ecosystem there, says Kaynes CEO

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

THE government may develop a semiconductor ecosystem in South India after establishing a hub in Gujarat, said Raghu Panicker, CEO of Kaynes Semicon, a subsidiary of Karnataka-based electronic manufacturer Kaynes Technology. Panicker highlighted that both the Karnataka government and the central government are actively working on developing another semiconductor hub in Karnataka.

"I think so (the government is developing a semiconductor unit in South India), because I see the Karnataka government is very active in this. And so is the central government. I'm not exactly privy to give more details, but they are doing it," said Panicker.

The government recently approved Kaynes Technology's application for an OSAT (Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test) facility unit in Sanand, Gujarat. The plant, worth ₹3,300 crore, is expected to be fully operational in the next 18 to 24 months. This is the fifth application accepted by India's Semiconductor Mission, launched by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology in December 2021, with an outlay of ₹76,000 crore to make India a semiconductor hub like Taiwan.

"The construction work has already started in Sanand, Gujarat, and the first production or first phase of production will start with a 100 million chip capacity in 10 to 12 months. After two and a half years, when the plant is fully operational, it will produce 1 billion chips," said Panicker. Initially, Kaynes planned to set up its facility in Telangana but later changed its location to Sanand, Gujarat, where other companies like Micron Technology are also establishing their presence. The reason for shifting its semiconductor manufacturing unit to Gujarat was the development of the entire ecosystem in the region, said Panicker.

Kaynes Technology has chosen its technology partners for its semiconductor unit, including Globetronics from Malaysia, Aptos Technologies from Taiwan, AOI in Japan, and California-based Mixx Technologies. The chips produced in this unit will cater to a wide variety of applications which include segments such as industrial, automotive, electric vehicles, consumer electronics, telecom and mobile phones, among others. When asked about the government's focus for the next phase of the semiconductor incentive scheme, Panicker suggested that it should include incentives for equipment manufacturing.

ROAD AHEAD

Recently, Cabinet approved Kaynes Semicon's semiconductor unit in Sanand

The plant to see an initial investment of **₹3,300 CR**

It will be fully operational in the **next 18 to 24 months**

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The subsidy should be for semiconductor components usage in India, for instance, substrate, raw material, gases, and equipment manufacturing.

Raghu Panicker, CEO of Kaynes Semicon

Bajaj Housing shares more than double on listing

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

SHARES of Bajaj Housing Finance made a stellar debut on the stock exchanges on Monday. On the NSE and the BSE, the company's shares were listed at ₹150 per share, 114.29% higher than the issue price of ₹70.

The stock closed its first day at ₹165 on NSE, higher by 135.71% from the IPO price of ₹70, and at ₹164.99 on BSE, a 135.70% premium. This blockbuster listing added a whopping ₹79,000 crore to the company's valuation on day 1, highest in India's capital market history for a new entrant. Bajaj Housing Finance's market capitalisation stood at ₹ 137,507 crore at Monday's close as against ₹58,300 crore at the time of issue. The firm also widened the valuation gap among the housing finance companies. Housing & Urban Development Corporation stood at the second position with a market valuation of ₹49,476.96 crore, followed by LIC Housing Finance at ₹37,434.54 crore and PNB Housing Finance (₹27,581.41 crore). The strong listing for the Bajaj Group company was on the expected lines given the ₹6,560 crore IPO, the biggest of 2024 so far, received record subscription numbers amidst a bullish run in the broader market. Bajaj Housing Finance IPO was subscribed 63.61 times.

It received bids for more than 4,628 crore equity shares as against the 72.75 crore shares which were on offer. The share applications were valued at nearly ₹3.24 lakh crore, another high for an IPO. Sanjiv Bajaj, chairman and MD of Bajaj Finserv, said on Monday that even they had not expected the way the shares opened.

"It also has additional responsibility on management and the board. The way we have built a quality business in the last 7 years, we will move ahead in the same way," said Bajaj after the listing ceremony in Mumbai. He expects 12-15% credit growth in the housing finance industry as the economy is showing very strong tailwinds.

LISTING DAY GAINS

COMPANY	LISTING DATE	ISSUE PRICE (₹)	LISTING DAY CLOSING (₹)	% LISTING DAY GAIN
Sigachi Industries	15-Nov-21	163	604	270
Vibhor Steel Tubes	20-Feb-24	151	442	193
Paras Def & Space Tech	01-Oct-21	175	499	185
BLS E-Services	06-Feb-24	135	371	175
Tata Technologies	30-Nov-23	500	1314	163
Latent View Analytics	23-Nov-21	197	489	148
Bajaj Housing Finance	16-Sep-24	70	165	136
Tatva Chintan Pharma	29-Jul-21	1083	2310	113
Indigo Paints	02-Feb-21	1,490	3119	109
G R Infraprojects	19-Jul-21	837	1747	109

ENERGY

₹32.45 lakh cr pledged for green projects

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

BANKS and financial institutions have committed around ₹32.45 lakh crore for green projects, said New and Renewable Energy Minister Pralhad Joshi. Speaking at the inaugural session of the 4th RE-INVEST 2024, the minister also urged investors to invest in the rapidly growing renewable energy sector.

"We have received overwhelming commitments from states and UTs, as well as from developers, manufacturers, and financial institutions, to support our goal of 500 GW by 2030. Developers have committed to an additional 570 GW of capacity addition," said the minister.

According to the minister, manufacturers have pledged additional production capacities of 340 GW in solar modules, 240 GW in solar cells, 22 GW in wind turbines, and 10 GW in electrolysers. The event was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who was joined by global and domestic investors, companies, and leaders in the energy industry. Joshi also mentioned the significant response to the Prime Minister's Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, which has resulted in a more than 33-fold increase in solar rooftop capacity since its announcement.

The minister highlighted that installed renewable energy capacity has grown from 75.52 GW in March 2014 to over 207.7 GW now, representing a 175% increase over the past decade.

During this period, total renewable energy generation in India has risen by 86%, from 193.50 billion units to 360 billion units. "This growth is driving unprecedented demand for energy, and we are committed to meeting this demand sustainably, with significant advancements in renewable energy," he said.

Govt plans non-profit co to push start-up initiatives

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE government is planning to set up a non-profit company under the Start-up India programme to push all its start-up initiative. It is planning an ONDC-like platform to allow start-ups to register themselves, access and share information in order to allow them to network and collaborate across the entire start-up value chain.

As a first step towards this, the minister of commerce and industries Piyush Goyal launched a platform, Bhaskar (Bharat Startup Knowledge Access Registry), an initiative of Startup India.

On the new platform, registered start-ups can seamlessly collaborate, share and access information about the ecosystem. Goyal said that his ministry has decided to set up as non-profit company so that all the elements of Start-up India are integrated and brought under one umbrella.

"Startup India has become a powerful name, the good system by itself should have a house of its own," said the minister while floating the idea of a non-profit company to bring in all the government's start-up initiatives under one roof. He also said that the new company should issue shares to unicorns, so that they also bring in their efficiency into the company.

Speaking about Bhaskar, Goyal said it is a one-stop digital platform for data dissemination, exchange, interaction for the entire start-up ecosystem through simple easy to use links and easy to navigate technology catalysing the growth and success of the start-up ecosystem across India and beyond. He expressed hope that BHASKAR 2.0 would be improvised and released soon with enhanced features and technology so that it becomes like an ONDC platform for start-ups. ONDC is a section 8 (non-profit) company that promises to bring millions of offline retailers into the e-commerce fold. ONDC connects offline and online retailers with buyers and suppliers. Bhaskar promises to easily connect and collaborate with like-minded people via personalised dashboards and peer-to-peer connect features.

One can get registered on the platform, generate profile cards and get discovered across the start-up ecosystem. Bhaskar will house the ever-evolving start-up ecosystem stakeholders under one single roof, making it the largest digital registry of the start-up ecosystem in the world in the coming times.

So far 1.46 lakh start-ups registered under Start-up India initiative would be automatically migrated to the new platform.

FinMin 100 days under Modi: UPS, FATF, incentive scheme and more

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

IN the first 100 days of the new Modi government, the Ministry of Finance's major achievement was the country's successful Mutual Evaluation by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) in June 2024, which recognised India's measures against money laundering and terrorist financing. India was placed in the 'regular follow-up' category, a distinction shared with only three other G20 nations, reflecting the effectiveness of the JAM (Jan Dhan, Aadhaar, Mobile) framework and efforts to transition towards a digital economy.

The Union Cabinet also approved the introduction of the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) to improve the National Pension System for Central Government employees. This initiative ensures minimum pension guarantees and inflation indexation, while balancing the need to protect taxpayer interests. Additionally, the Banking Amendment Bill 2024 was introduced in Parliament to enhance governance standards within the banking sector. This bill focuses on strengthening depositors' protection, improving audit quality in public sector banks, and streamlining nomination processes for customer convenience.

The launch of the PM Internship Scheme in top companies is another significant initiative, aiming to provide internship opportunities for 1 crore youth over five years, enhancing their employability and exposure to real-world business environments. Furthermore, the government extended the benefits of the 12th Bipartite Wage Settlement to Regional Rural Bank employees and pensioners, impacting around 93,000 staff and 40,000 pensioners. In addition, amendment of the Securities Contracts Regulation Rules (SCRR), 1956 allows Indian companies to directly list their securities on international exchanges within the International Financial Services Centres (IFSC) at GIFT City. This initiative aims to align India with global standards, making it easier for public companies to access international markets. In the recent budget, the ministry reduced duties on gold, silver, and platinum, making it easier for businesses to manufacture and boost exports.

Sebi gives in; says concerns of staff will be addressed

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

MARKETS regulator Sebi has said all the concerns raised by its employees shall be addressed "amicably through internal channels", and the statement issued earlier this month after employee complaints stands withdrawn.

A day after their protest at the headquarters, on September 4, the Sebi had officially issued a statement saying all the allegations made in the letters were unfounded and instigated by some outside elements to secure their own interests. "The Sebi addresses employee-related matters through appropriate internal mechanisms. Following constructive discussions with representatives of all grades of officers, Sebi and its employees have reaffirmed that such issues are strictly internal and will be managed in accordance with the organisation's high standards of governance and within a timebound framework," Sebi said in a statement issued on Monday.

It said the employees have strongly condemned the unauthorised release of internal communication and have confirmed that all concerns shall be addressed amicably through established internal channels.

The earlier statement, which now stands withdrawn, was issued on September 4 after around 200 of its officers took out a protest march.

The release had said that the employees were being instigated by external elements to "go to the media, go to the ministry, go to the Sebi board perhaps to serve their external elements' own purpose." It also referred to a letter that "a group of Sebi employees" had sent to the HRD on August 6, and a second letter they had sent seven days later.

DIGITAL

Infosys to build new digital platform for LIC

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

IT services company Infosys will develop a next-generation digital platform for the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC). The IT company will spearhead LIC's digital transformation initiative called DIVE (Digital Innovation and Value Enhancement).

Infosys will provide LIC with turnkey system integration services using AI capabilities from Infosys Topaz and DevSecOps services from Infosys Cobalt.

The IT firm will help establish the necessary infrastructure for digital transformation and ensure ongoing monitoring and maintenance once the platform is operational.

The NextGen Digital Platform will enable LIC realize the objectives of DIVE, and the platform will also serve as an open platform, enabling swift integration with FinTech companies and Bancassurance partners, Infosys said.

Siddhartha Mohanty, CEO & MD, LIC, said, "Our collaboration with Infosys marks a significant milestone in our digital transformation journey."

Salil Parekh, CEO & MD, Infosys, said, "By leveraging Infosys' extensive experience in digital transformation initiatives and prowess in AI and Cloud, we aim to equip LIC with a robust digital infrastructure that will deliver superior customer engagement, enhance operational efficiency and enable rapid market responsiveness."

Buchs putting out facts to contradict allegations: FM

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

SEBI chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch and her husband Dhaval Buch are defending themselves and putting out facts that contradict the allegations of Congress, said Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

Speaking at an event in New Delhi, she said, "Quite a few of the allegations have been answered... I think the facts will have to be taken on board." On being asked whether she was satisfied with Madhabi Puri Buch's answers, Sitharaman said, "I'm not here to judge that." In a joint statement issued last Friday, Sebi chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch and her husband Dhaval Buch had denied the allegations of impropriety and conflict of interest levelled by Congress, saying they are false, malicious and motivated. The statement said Madhabi Buch never dealt with any file involving Agora Advisory and Agora Partners – the advisories where she held 99% and continued to earn revenue even after she joined the market regulator body Sebi in 2017. The statement added she never handled files involving the Mahindra Group, Pidilite Industries, Dr Reddy's Laboratories Ltd, Alvarez and Marsal, and Sembcorp -- the firms that had employed her husband at some time during her stint at Sebi -- as also that pertaining to her previous employer ICICI Bank at any stage after joining the regulator.

M&M expects demand revival for LCVs in H2FY25

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

AUTO major Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M) is expecting a revival in demand for light commercial vehicles (LCVs) during the second half of the ongoing financial year. The automaker, which dominates more than half of the LCV market, feels that increased government spending and improving rural sentiment will support the growth momentum.

Veejay Nakra, President of Automotive Division, Mahindra & Mahindra said that intense heatwaves and the election season led to a slowdown in demand for LCVs after two years of blockbuster sales in the 2-3.5 tonne segment.

"However, the government spending after the election outcome has been robust, and the monsoon is above normal this year. This is expected to have a positive impact on the LCV segment. We are already seeing demand revival in the two-wheeler and tractor segment...this is a strong indicator that we will see the same for LCV," Nakra told TNIE. He also said that the company's new product - Veero - will help M&M to increase its market share in the southern region where Ashok Leyland and Tata Motors are the dominant players. Even though M&M has a market share of 63% in the 2-3.5 tonne segment in the domestic market, its share in the southern markets is just 27%. "Now we have a product to address the gap we have in the region," said Nakra. Sales of LCV (less than 3.5 tonne) is on a decline so far in FY25.

'To support multiple powertrain options'

R Velusamy, President - Automotive Technology and Product Development at M&M said that designed to support multiple powertrain options, including electric in the near future, Veero addresses the diverse operational needs of businesses.

While growth in the 2-3.5 tonne segment has largely remained flattish, vehicles under the 2 tonnes category are reeling under severe pressure amidst growing demand for commercial electric three-wheelers. This segment has registered a decline of 8-9% so far this fiscal. M&M on Monday launched the Mahindra Veero at a starting price of ₹7.99 lakh. The automaker also unveiled the CNG version of the vehicle and hinted at an electric launch soon as well. Veero is available with a 1.5-litre, three-cylinder, mDI diesel engine, producing 59.7 kW and 210 Nm of torque, and a Turbo mCNG engine, delivering 67.2 kW and 210 Nm of torque.

Olympiad: Erigaisi scores 6th straight win

GM Arjun Erigaisi registered his sixth victory in as many games as the Indian team was poised to score its sixth straight win in the Chess Olympiad. In women's section, Divya Deshmukh scored the much-needed victory over Elena Danielian as India beat Armenia.

RETURNING RISHABH UNDER SPOTLIGHT

After missing out on Test cricket for almost two years, wicketkeeper-batter likely to make a return in the first Test vs Bangladesh

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @Chennai

RISHABH Pant is set to be in the spotlight soon. With India's first Test against Bangladesh beginning in Chennai on Thursday, Pant is likely to make a return to the Test team after almost 20 months. Although Dhruv Jurel kept wickets against England earlier in the year and is currently part of the squad, Pant could get the nod ahead of Jurel in the playing XI.

And one could see glimpses of it as Pant had a fruitful net session on Monday with the bat at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in the lead up to the opening Test. The left-handed batter was employing his trademark shots and seemed to be in good touch. After his recovery from the car accident that he suffered in December 2022, Pant played in the IPL this year and was also part of the Indian team that won the T20 World Cup in the United States and West Indies.

The focus is now on whether he's ready for red-ball cricket and if he is the same player that he once was in the longest format of the game. He played the opening round of the Duleep Trophy game, but keeping to R Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja and Kuldeep Yadav in Test cricket is different. The Chennai Test will paint a better picture on where he stands. Former India wicketkeeper Syed Kirmani, who is regarded as one of the finest keepers to have represented India, is batting for Pant.

"Pant is a talented wicketkeeper. He is a quality wicketkeeper-batter and he should get back the job he once did with panache," said Kirmani. "He (Pant) has played the IPL and also white-ball cricket for the country. So what is the big issue now? He should naturally be part of red-ball cricket too. He is an all-format player," added the World Cup-winning keeper.

Test cricket requires a lot of hard work and with India scheduled to play five at home and five in Australia, the job of the wicketkeeper is all the more important. Kirmani felt Pant will be up for the challenge. "I think the quality of his performance as a wicketkeeper across formats is very good. I'm sure he must have been practising in his hometown, be it at the NCA in Bangalore...wherever, he must be regularly practising. He has played the Duleep Trophy and so on. So on that basis, I'm sure he is on track for red-ball cricket too," opined Kirmani. "As I said earlier, the quality of his performance is very good. So when you come back after a long break into Test cricket, it will take some time to get back the original form. If he fails one or two matches, it doesn't matter. He is a class act and we must persist with him and give him an opportunity to get back where he belongs," said Kirmani.

Kirmani felt Pant's ability to keep against the spinners will be critical. With spinners like Ashwin, Jadeja and Axar Patel, to name a few, in the squad, it will be interesting how Pant handles their bowling behind the stumps. "I hate the word tough or difficult. No wicketkeeper should feel difficult to keep to any bowler. He should apply himself, stand up to the stumps, show good technique and have a sense of anticipation, the job is done. I'm sure the more Pant keeps wickets, he will get back his original rhythm," Kirmani noted.

It goes without saying Pant's fitness will be put to the test. Former India trainer Ramji Srinivasan believes that fitness is nothing but the state of the mind. "I'm sure Pant has adapted to the situation playing in the Duleep trophy. It's the mindset he needs to focus on now. The team of support staff needs to monitor him through the series as Test matches are different from white-ball games. I'm sure Pant has prepared himself, both physically and mentally for it (Test cricket). Pant is a smart kid and knows what he wants," Ramji said.

The next few days could give us a glimpse of where Pant stands. The Indian team management will be hoping that he can make a solid impression on his comeback.

Who did what?

Even as Chennai turned its hottest self, with temperatures closer to 40 degree Celsius even though it felt like a lot more, players from India and Bangladesh sweat it out at the MA Chidambaram Stadium on Monday. A look...

JAISWAL'S ROUGH GRIND

He was the leading run-scorer of the last Test series against England, but Yashasvi Jaiswal did not have an easy time batting in the nets. While he continued to hit spinners, the left-handed opener struggled against pacers in the centre-wicket practice. From Jasprit Bumrah to Mohammed Siraj to Akash Deep to the net bowlers, everyone made him uncomfortable with the 22-year-old edging multiple times to a non-existent slip cordon. Bumrah even sent the stumps cartwheeling once. Amidst all this, Virat Kohli took him aside, had a conversation and so did Gambhir. After a short break, Jasiwal turned to closed nets where he faced throwdowns to get his position right and not poke at deliveries outside off-stump.

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KOHLI VS BUMRAH

When two of the best in business go against each other it is always going to be competitive. Jasprit Bumrah bowling in red ball to Virat Kohli is that. Kohli hasn't played the format in nine months, Bumrah, as is always the case, is at his peak. He ran full tilt, moving the ball either way to Kohli and Jaiswal. One such delivery, sharply came in to wrap Kohli's pads and Bumrah almost did a celebrappeal. There was some banter on and off as well through the contest.

EYES ON RAHUL/ SARFARAZ

While India's top six is all but set, the one place of contention remaining is the No 5 slot between KL Rahul and Sarfaraz Khan. The senior batter spent a lot of time in slip catching, then in closed nets before moving to centre-pitch practice. Sarfaraz had his share of stints as well while trying to work out some chinks with assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate. It is still early to say, but from the looks of it, Rahul could be the frontrunner.

SHAKIB YET TO JOIN

For Bangladesh, all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan was not at the training as he had not yet arrived in the city. The former captain, who was in England, playing county cricket for Surrey, is expected to join the team tomorrow for training.

From tennis ball to pace sensation: Rana's journey

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

HE had not held a cricket ball in his hand until he turned 17 but only four years later Nahid Rana started hurrying world-class batters with his raw pace. He crossed 150kmph on his Test debut against Sri Lanka in March this year and consistently touched the 150kmph mark in two five-day matches Bangladesh played against hosts Pakistan. The 21-year-old dismantled Pakistan in the Rawalpindi Test claiming four wickets including that of captain Shan Masood, Babar Azam and Saud Shakeel in the second innings to hand his team a historic 2-0 clean sweep.

With Bangladesh touring India for two Tests and three T20Is, Najmul Hossain Shanto and Co will expect Rana to continue in the same vein. More importantly, the pace sensation standing at around six feet two inches would be keen to outfox batters like Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma on his first tour to India.

Rana might be the centre of attraction given his recent exploits on the field and the pace he generates but it was a far-fetched dream almost five years ago when he decided to leave his village Horishpur (Harishpur) for district headquarters Chapainawabganj to pursue his dream of becoming a cricketer. "One of my acquaintances from his village called me and told me about the pace he generates," Alamgir Kabir, former Bangladesh pacer who played three Tests for the country, told this daily. Alamgir works as a fast bowling coach at the Clemon Rajshahi Cricket Academy started by former Bangladesh Test captain Khaled Mashud along with a few divisional cricketers.

But for Rana to make a move, he had to fulfil a demand put forth by his elder brother, who was working in Saudi Arabia and the primary earning member of the family. "Rana's father is a small-time farmer and it was his elder brother who used to send money to the family from Saudi Arabia to make ends meet. Initially, the brother was skeptical and was of the opinion that due to cricket Rana's studies might take a back seat. So he demanded Rana to complete his 10th class before moving to district headquarters. Once that was done, he asked Rana to complete his 12th along with cricket coaching," added Alamgir.

Bangladesh pacer Nahid Rana with bowling coach Alamgir Kabir

> **On Day One, I gave him a new ball and an old ball. He bowled quite well with both balls. His pace was extraordinary as our professional keeper was struggling to collect the ball** — Alamgir Kabir

Even moving to the academy didn't work immediately for Rana as it was raining then and the youngster had to wait to showcase his skills. "On Day One, I gave him a new ball and an old ball to check his skills. He bowled quite well with both balls. His pace was extraordinary as our professional wicketkeeper was struggling to collect the ball. But a lot needed to be done as his run-up was haphazard and he was holding the ball with both hands. These issues make a bowler injury prone. So we worked on him for almost two years before he made his first-class debut," reminded the coach.

Swimming, climbing trees developed Rana's muscles

Alamgir holds Rana a natural talent and attributes his fast bowling to activities he used to do in his village. "He was tall and that definitely helps to extract extra bounce from the surface. But his shoulders were also strong. Besides, his core body was well-built. I asked about it and he said he used to swim for hours in his village. He also used to climb mango trees up and down, along with his friends. These activities apparently developed his muscles and made him fit enough to bowl faster."

Rana used to bowl for hours in the nets with the coach videographing him. They both used to watch the videos later and work on the pacer's skills. The efforts put in by the pacer and the coach paid rich dividends as the former made his first-class debut for Rajshahi Division against Barisal in the National Cricket League in October 2021. In the next season (2022-23), Rana claimed 41 wickets to grabbed eyeballs. However, it was his stints for Khulna Tigers in the Bangladesh Premier League that caught the eye of selectors and eventually fetched a national call-up for the Test side this year.

Usually, youngsters of his age follow the footprints of famed cricketers in their early days. But Rana is different. "I once asked him whom he follows as a cricketer and his reply was unique. 'Sir I want to be Nahid Rana, why should I become like anyone else'. The reply was surprising but I also asked him to be natural and carve out his own paths." With 11 wickets from the first three Tests, Rana has already announced himself on the world stage. How he fares in the two Tests against India will further shape his career and Alamgir strongly believes there will be many not only in Bangladesh but across the world to follow the footprints of Rana when he hangs his boots.

7 members enter race to become next IOC prez

AGENCIES @Geneva

THE International Olympic Committee published a list Monday of seven would-be candidates who are set to run for election in March to succeed outgoing president Thomas Bach for the next eight years. Just one woman, IOC executive board member Kirsty Coventry from Zimbabwe, entered the contest to lead an organization that has had only male presidents in its 130-year history. Eight of those presidents were from Europe and one from the United States. Coventry and Sebastian Coe are two-time gold medalists in swimming and running, respectively. Prince Feisal al Hussein of Jordan is also on the IOC board.

Juan Antonio Samaranch Jr. of Spain is one of the four IOC vice presidents, whose father was president for 21 years until 2001. David Lappartient is the president of cycling's governing body, Morinari Watanabe leads gymnastics, and Johan Eliasch is president of the International Ski and Snowboard Federation. Coe is the president of track's World Athletics. All seven met a deadline of Sunday to send a letter of intent to Bach, who must leave the post next year after reaching the maximum 12 years in office. Bach declined at the Paris Olympics last month to seek to change IOC rules in order to stay in office longer.

A formal candidate list should be confirmed in January, three months before the March 18-21 election meeting in Greece, near the site of Ancient Olympia. Only IOC members are eligible to stand as candidates, with votes cast by the rest of the 111-strong membership of the Olympic body.

The president oversees an organization that earns billions of dollars in revenue from broadcasting and sponsor deals for the Olympic Games and employs hundreds of staff in Lausanne, Switzerland. Coe has been widely considered the most qualified candidate. A two-time Olympic champion in the 1,500-meters, was later an elected lawmaker in Britain

ACT hockey: Harmanpreet's twin goals sink Korea; take India to final

AGENCIES @Hulunbuir (China)

SKIPPER Harmanpreet Singh's sublime form resulted in twin strikes as defending champions India entered the final of the Asian Champions Trophy with a clinical 4-1 win against South Korea in the semi-final here on Monday. India scored through Uttam Singh (13th minute), skipper Harmanpreet Singh (19th, 45th) and Jarmanpreet Singh (32nd), while Korea's lone goal came from through Yang Jihun (33rd)'s penalty corner conversion.

India's attacking intent finally paid of in the 13th minute when Uttam positioned himself at the right place at the right time to tap in Araijeet Singh Hundal's supply from the right. Four minutes into the second quarter, India secured their first penalty corner and Harmanpreet scored his sixth goal of the tournament to hand his side a 2-0 lead.

India players celebrate a goal during the semifinal against Korea | HOCKEY INDIA

At the stroke of half-time, custodian Suraj Karkera came out of his line to save an effort from the opposition player. A brilliant scoop from Sumit from the right finds Jarmanpreet just outside the circle on the left flank and the latter neatly collected the ball and took a step or two to get inside the circle and slap the ball to extend lead.

With a second left for the third quarter, India secured another penalty corner and captain made no mistake. Then the controlled show from the Indians helped them defend the lead to march into the final.

EXPRESS READ

Guadalajara Open: Frech captures title

MEXICO CITY: Magdalena Frech defeated qualifier Olivia Gadecki 7-6 (5), 6-4 to capture her first WTA title at the Guadalajara Open. Frech became the fourth Polish woman to win a singles title this century joining Magda Linette, Agnieszka Radwanska and current world No.1 Iga Swiatek. Frech made her first WTA singles final last July but the the Guadalajara Open was her maiden WTA 500 final.

Golfer Lahiri finishes sixth in LIV Chicago

BOLINGBROOK (USA): Anirban Lahiri carded a final round 3-under 67 to secure a tied-sixth finish, while Jon Rahm won his second tournament in three starts to claim the season-long individual championship at the LIV Golf Chicago. His team, Crushers, grabbed the team title. Rahm shot a bogey-free 4-under 66 to win both LIV Golf Chicago and the individual title at Bolingbrook Golf Club.

Sri Lankan duo crowned ICC Players of the Month

DUBAI: Sri Lanka players Dunith Wellalage and Harshitha Samarawickrama were named as the ICC Players of the Month for August 2024. The rare double comes after Wellalage excelled in a at home and Samarawickrama hit a purple patch on a tour of Ireland. The only previous instance of players from the same country winning the awards in the same month was when Jasprit Bumrah and Smriti Mandhana were named the Players of the Month in June this year.

REPUTATION ON THE LINE

City hearing a chance to clear name or taint their dominance

AGENCIES @Manchester

THE biggest challenge to Manchester City's Premier League dominance was due to start on Monday at a hearing into a slew alleged financial breaches. On the line is City's reputation and punishment could be as extreme as expulsion from the league.

City, which has won the last four league titles, denies the charges, which include providing misleading information about its finances. It will be down to a team of lawyers to clear the club's name and finally quash accusations that have cast a cloud over its unprecedented period of success.

Manager Pep Guardiola confirmed on Friday that the long-awaited hearing into more than 100 charges of alleged financial wrongdoing was due to start. "I'm happy it's starting on Monday. I know there will be more rumors," he said. "Everybody is innocent until guilt is proven."

City was accused by the Premier League in February last year of providing misleading information about its finances over a nine-year period between 2009-18 after it was bought by Abu Dhabi's ruling family in 2008. City was trying to establish itself as one of the leading clubs in Europe, signed some of the world's best players like Yaya Toure, Sergio Aguero and Kevin de Bruyne and won three league titles — in 2012, 2014 and 2018. The league's financial fair play rules are designed to ensure clubs essentially spend what they earn and commercial deals are assessed for being at legitimate market value.

The charges came after a four-year investigation and following the publication of

leaked emails and documents, likely hacked, that were published starting in 2018 by German magazine Der Spiegel.

The documents allegedly showed attempts to cover up the source of City's income in a bid to comply with Financial Fair Play rules operated by European soccer's governing body UEFA and the Premier League. City was also accused of breaches relating to its alleged failure to co-operate with the investigation.

The hearing into the charges will be held by an independent commission made up of three judges appointed by a lawyer who chairs the league's judicial panel. The hearing will be held behind closed doors, and a verdict is not expected until next year. Potential punishment for a "serious breach" of the league's rule book is wide-ranging. Dependent on whether City is found guilty of any of the charges, possible sanctions include a fine, points deduction or in "extreme cases, expulsion from the competition" according to the league's rules.

City said it was surprised by the charges when they were made last year. "The Club welcomes the review of this matter by an independent Commission, to impartially consider the comprehensive body of irrefutable evidence that exists in support of its position," it said in a statement. "As such we look forward to this matter being put to rest once and for all."

Brain scans of a pregnant woman revealed a reduced volume in and thickness of grey matter along with a significant rise in steroid levels, according to a study published in the journal Nature Neuroscience. The results could have broad implications for understanding one's parental behaviour, how vulnerable they are to mental health disorders, along with their patterns of brain aging, the authors said

DIGITAL EYE STRAIN

REDUCE SCREEN EXPOSURE TO STOP VISION LOSS

RISHITA KHANNA @ Bengaluru

A 32-YEAR-OLD IT professional in Bengaluru used to experience blurred vision towards the end of her workdays. The symptoms worsened during weekdays due to her heavy workload and her lack of proper sleep, but improved on weekends when she stayed away from the computer screen. After a medical evaluation, she was diagnosed with hypermetropia, and her symptoms were managed through corrective glasses, reducing non-essential screen time, and practising good digital hygiene, including frequent breaks, proper ergonomics, and adjusted screen settings.

Computer vision syndrome (CVS), also known as digital eye strain, is becoming increasingly common as screen time has increased among adults and children, leading to eye strain, headaches, and other visual discomforts. The condition, driven by prolonged use of digital devices, is particularly affecting people in the age group of 25-40, and children who spend excessive time on computers and smartphones.

Experts highlight that factors like inadequate breaks and reduced outdoor activities are contributing to the rise in symptoms. Moreover, the pandemic's shift to remote work and learning further amplified these issues, making digital eye strain a growing health concern.

Dr Ashwin Santosh Shetty, consultant ophthalmologist at Aster CMI Hospital, noted a spike in cases, pointing out that 25% of people in the 25-40 age group are facing eye strain due to increased working hours in front of and insufficient breaks from screens. "The problem is not limited to adults, children are also increasingly experiencing eye problems, primarily due to excessive screen time for learning and leisure activities, reduced outdoor play, and poor digital hygiene," he said.

The symptoms are usually reversible with proper care, such as reducing screen exposure, encouraging outdoor activities, and consulting an ophthalmologist if symptoms persist, says Dr Shetty. He stressed on the importance of managing screen time and fostering good digital habits, especially in children who may have underlying conditions like hypermetropia (farsightedness) that can worsen with prolonged screen use. Elaborating on the symptoms and its sub-categories, Dr Sukanya Meikandasivam, consultant ophthalmologist at Gleneagles BGS Hospital, said it can be categorised into three types: visual symptoms (blurry vision, visual discomfort, and double vision), ocular symptoms (dry eyes, redness, reflex tearing, and irritation), and extraocular symptoms (headaches, shoulder pain, and discomfort in the neck and back).

Doctors said that the shift to remote work or work from home and the surge in online classes has exacerbated CVS cases, particularly among children and young adults. A notable rise in symptoms was observed owing to increased screen time for virtual meetings, online classes, and entertainment, says Dr Sukanya. She adds that children are at greater risk owing to poor screen habits, such as holding devices too close and infrequent blinking. Dr Shetty, on the other hand, points out that apart from children, IT professionals and those with pre-existing conditions such as dry eye syndrome or uncorrected refractive errors are at higher risk.

To mitigate CVS, experts recommend the 20-20-20 rule: every 20 minutes, look at something 20 feet away for at least 20 seconds. Maintaining proper posture, adjusting screen brightness, and ensuring adequate lighting can help reduce symptoms. While lubricating eye drops can offer temporary relief, it's important to consult an ophthalmologist to determine if symptoms are due to insufficient tear production or excessive evaporation.

WARNING SIGNS

- Sore, tired, burning or itching eyes
- Watery or dry eyes
- Blurred or double vision
- Headache
- Sore neck, shoulders or back
- Increased sensitivity to light (photophobia)
- Difficulty concentrating
- Feeling that you cannot keep your eyes open

HOW TO REDUCE OR PREVENT EYE STRAIN

Adjust the lighting: When watching TV, keep the room softly lit. When reading printed materials or doing close work, position the light behind you and direct it onto the page or task. If you're reading at a desk, use a shaded light positioned in front of you

Take breaks: Take occasional breaks and rest your eyes by looking away from the screen or book

Limit screen time: This is especially important for children as they may not know the risk of poor screen habits

Artificial tears: Artificial tears can help prevent and relieve dry eyes. Your eye specialist can suggest which eye drops might be best for you

Improve the air quality of your space: Some changes that may help prevent dry eyes include using a humidifier, adjusting the thermostat to reduce blowing air and avoiding smoke. If you smoke, consider quitting. Moving your chair to a different area may help reduce the amount of dry moving air on your eyes and face

Choose the right eyewear: If you need glasses or contacts and work at a computer, consider investing in glasses or contact lenses designed specifically for computer work

TIPS FOR COMPUTER WORK

Blink often to refresh your eyes: Blinking produces tears that moisten and refresh your eyes

Take eye breaks: Try the 20-20-20 rule: Every 20 minutes, look at something 20 feet away for at least 20 seconds

Check lighting and reduce glare: Bright lighting and too much glare can strain your eyes and make it difficult to see objects on your monitor

Adjust your monitor: Position your monitor directly in front of you about an arm's length away so that the top of the screen is at or just below eye level. It also helps to have a chair you can adjust

Use a document holder: If you need to refer to print material while you work on your computer, place it on a document holder. The goal is to reduce how much your eyes need to readjust and how often you turn your neck and head

Adjust your screen settings: Enlarge the type for easier reading. And adjust the contrast and brightness to a level that's comfortable for you

Personalised medicine and AI are transforming cardiac care

ASHISH SRIVASTAVA @ New Delhi

XPLAINER

DESPITE significant advancements in medical science, heart disease remains a major global health challenge, continuing to be the leading cause of mortality worldwide. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), cardiovascular diseases are responsible for approximately 18 million deaths annually.

Traditional methods of diagnosing and treating cardiovascular conditions often rely on generalised approaches, which may not fully account for individual patient differences. However, recent breakthroughs in artificial intelligence (AI) and personalised medicine are transforming cardiovascular care, offering more targeted and effective treatments.

Experts highlight how AI has enabled medical practitioners to perform more comprehensive assessments of cardiac patients, allowing them to predict potential outcomes and tailor treatment protocols with greater precision.

"During diagnostic tests, vast amounts of data are generated. As humans, we tend to focus on key findings, often overlooking additional data that may contain valuable insights. AI helps us analyse the entire dataset, identifying patterns that may go unnoticed," said Dr Manish Bansal, senior director, clinical & preventive cardiology, cardiac care, Medanta, Gurugram.

"For instance, when a patient undergoes an echocardiogram (echo), AI can assess not only the obvious issues, like valve narrowing, but also subtle factors that could affect future risk. This leads to more accurate evaluations and helps guide decisions on whether early surgical intervention is necessary or if conservative monitoring is sufficient," he said.

Dr Kala Jeethender Jain, consultant cardiologist at Yashoda Hospitals, Hyderabad, added, "AI-driven tools, such as deep learning models, analyze imaging data and echocardiograms to detect subtle changes in cardiac function that may be missed by the human eye, enhancing early detection of conditions like cardiomyopathy and coronary artery disease."

Research studies back these observations. According to a 2021 study published in 'Circulation: Cardiovascular Imaging,' a journal by the American Heart Association (AHA), AI algorithms demonstrated superior performance in analysing cardiac imaging compared to traditional methods. The study revealed that AI-driven tools achieved a 92% accuracy rate in detecting left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF) from echocardiograms, surpassing the 85% accuracy rate of human experts.

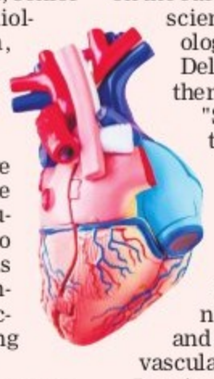
However, some cardiologists urge caution on the current state of AI in cardiovascular science. Dr Rajiv Passey, senior cardiologist at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital in Delhi, pointed out the need for further research.

"Significant limitations remain in the current studies, underlying technology, and the clinical application of these techniques. Prospective, multi-centre randomised controlled trials involving interdisciplinary and cross-industry collaboration are necessary to validate the utility and reproducibility of AI in cardiovascular medicine," he said.

Despite these challenges, there is growing optimism about AI's potential to predict and prevent heart disease, particularly in at-risk populations.

"One of the biggest hurdles in preventing heart disease is that many people underestimate their personal risk. General advices like avoiding smoking, eating healthy, and exercising is well-known but often ignored. AI and personalised medicine help address this issue by offering tailored risk assessments that are more accurate than generalised predictions," Bansal said.

"By analysing genetic markers, lifestyle factors, and even data from wearable devices, AI can identify individuals at higher risk for heart disease even if they appear healthy by traditional standards. This allows healthcare providers to offer personalised preventive strategies and interventions, ensuring that high-risk patients receive the attention they need before a disease develops," he added.



MYTH BUSTERS

Dr Keshava R
On heart attacks

Senior director, interventional cardiology, Fortis Hospital

Myth: Heart attacks only occur in older adults

Fact: About 1 in 5 heart attacks occur in people under the age of 40. Young adults may think they are invincible, but heart disease can affect anyone. Factors like family history, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, smoking, obesity, and diabetes can increase the risk of heart attack, even in young adults.

Myth: Young adults are immune to heart disease

Fact: Young adults may think they are too young to worry about heart disease, but the truth is that heart disease can start early. Certain conditions like cardiomyopathy and congenital heart defects can increase the risk of heart attack in young adults, apart from factors like smoking and family history.

Myth: Heart attacks are always caused by high cholesterol

Fact: While high cholesterol is a risk factor for heart attack, it is not the only cause. Heart attacks are caused by multiple factors and conditions like cardiomyopathy, congenital heart defects, and spontaneous coronary artery dissection. Lifestyle factors like poor diet, lack of exercise, stress, and substance abuse can also increase the risk. It is important to remember that attacks can occur even with normal cholesterol levels.

Myth: Heart attacks are always preceded by warning signs

Fact: While some heart attacks are preceded by warning signs like chest pain or shortness of breath, others may occur without warning. Young adults may experience symptoms like fatigue, lightheadedness, or cold sweats, which can be mistaken for other conditions. It is essential to be aware of the symptoms and seek medical attention immediately if they occur.

Myth: Young adults can't get a 'real' heart attack

Fact: Heart attacks in young adults can be just as severe and life-threatening as those in older adults. Young adults often come to the hospital much later than older people because they are under the impression that a heart attack won't happen to them and often mistake it for a gastric problem. As a result, they wait one to two days before seeking medical attention, leading to massive damage.

'TREAT PATIENTS AS INDIVIDUALS, DON'T FOCUS ONLY ON MEDICAL CONDITION'

PEOPLE often have a complex relationship with ICUs. While ICUs are crucial for life-saving interventions, the experience can be emotionally taxing due to their intimidating and impersonal environment. Jean-Louis Vincent, renowned intensivist and professor of intensive care at Erasme University Hospital in Brussels, discusses patient-friendly approaches and the future of critical care with **Unnikrishnan S** during his visit to KIMSHEALTH Thiruvananthapuram. As the organising chairperson of the annual 'Best of Brussels' symposium on Intensive Care and Emergency Medicine in Pune for the past 12 years, and a frequent speaker at events hosted by the Indian Society of Critical Care Medicine (ISCCM), Vincent plays a significant role in advancing ICU practices in India. Edited excerpts:

● People often find ICUs to be unfriendly to patients. What improvements are being made?
ICU design is evolving significantly. In the past, there were restraints and patients were looking at the ceiling for days. How could it be good? Modern ICUs feature more comforting decor and reduce the use of sedation. The focus is on keeping patients awake and informed, helping them avoid disorientation and delirium upon waking. We now assist with personal needs without resorting to sedation, provide pain relief rather than sedation, and encourage patient mobility. Patients can move with the respirator, visit therapists, and even go outside the ICU. New technologies like VR are being used to connect patients with their homes and surroundings.

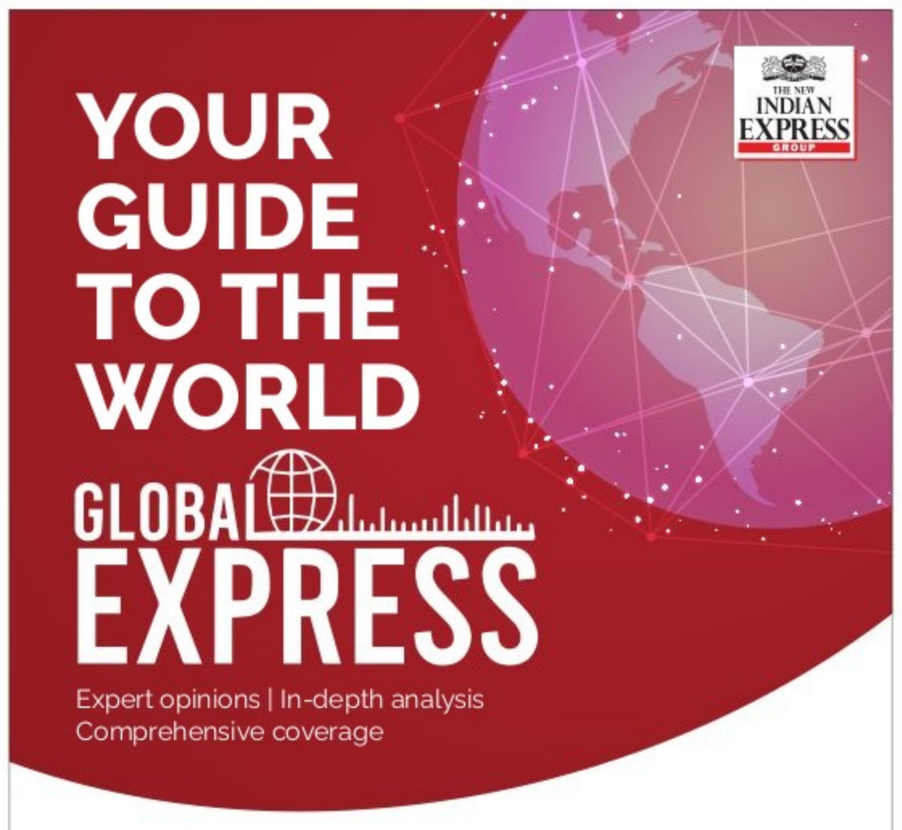
● How is family-patient interaction managed in ICUs?
Family interaction is encouraged within limits in India, typically allowing two visitors at a time to avoid crowding. Families can communicate with patients and the medical staff. In Europe, pets are sometimes allowed to enhance patient comfort and engagement.

INTERVIEW
JEAN-LOUIS VINCENT

● What other measures are being taken to make ICUs more patient-friendly?
The key is to treat patients as individuals with their own thoughts, dreams, and preferences, rather than just focusing on their medical condition. We emphasise reducing medications that alter mental states, keeping patients informed, and providing comfort. This approach, known as the eCASH concept – early Comfort using Analgesia, minimal Sedatives, and maximal Humane care – guides our care. Family members are involved, with one or two allowed to stay with the patient, and some patients are introduced to the ICU environment before surgery to ease their concerns.

● What should be the criteria for admitting and discharging patients in ICUs?
Not all critically-ill patients should be admitted. Those unlikely to recover or in a permanent vegetative state may not benefit from ICU care. The aim is to enhance overall well-being, not just preserve life. If continued treatment is futile, reconsidering ICU admission ensures that care remains meaningful and effective.

● How should doctors be trained to deliver bad news?
Doctors should deliver bad news with sensitivity and honesty, avoiding overly optimistic predictions. Training should focus on clear communication and supporting families through the process, acknowledging potential complications and avoiding false hopes.



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DAY'S DIARY

Linux launched

On this day in 1991, Linus Torvalds released the first version of the Linux kernel. Version .01 had just 10,000 lines of code

A STUDENT'S HOBBY

Torvalds, a Finnish student, developed Linux as a personal project to improve Unix-like operating systems

SOFTWARE FOR ALL

Unlike most software at the time, Linux was open for anyone to freely use and modify. This revolutionary approach spurred the open-source movement

GLOBAL IMPACT

Today, Linux forms the backbone of modern computing — from supercomputers to most cloud infrastructure, as well as Android smartphones

A curated guide to happenings in the city

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Ahead of the game between Bengaluru FC and Hyderabad FC in the Indian Super League trophy on Thursday, BFC captain Sunil Chhetri, goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu, and striker Ryan Williams speak to *CE* about their hopes of breaking the title drought

BLUE WAVE

MONIKA MONALISA

THE Indian Super League kicked off over the weekend in Bengaluru with scores of fans making their way to the Sree Kanteerava Stadium to cheer the men in blue. One of the reasons for the much-anticipated matches for fans of Bengaluru FC – who were reeling under shock after captain Sunil Chhetri announced his retirement from the national team – is Chhetri's presence as he leads the blue crew.

A strict disciplinarian, Chhetri finds retirement from the Indian team to have calmed him to a great extent. "After retiring from the national team, I have taken a back seat. Not because of anything else but because there are so many good captains around me. Rahul [Shankar Bheke], and Gurpreet [Singh Sandhu] are great candidates. Gurpreet inspires everyone with his work ethic, Rahul has shown exactly what he can do," says the proud captain.

The team also has quite a few new 'promising' signings this year, and it's hard for Chhetri to pick one to look forward to. "If I have to choose a name, I would say look out for this boy – Lalremtluanga Fanai. He has been the best so far during training," he says.

In 2018, an emotional Chettri urging fans with folded hands to support football went viral. Fast forward to now, the stadia are filled to capacity during matches. "One distinct difference from day one to now is the number of fans which has grown exponentially. I have been here for over a decade

and know how much we mean to our fans. When we lose a match, we feel sad for the fans. That goes to show the bond we have," he adds.

Australian footballer and BFC striker Ryan Williams agrees with Chhetri. "Football fans can vary but BFC fans are not that kind; they stick with us. In one of the matches against Mumbai, we were losing by 4-0 and people were still cheering and singing our praises, trying to keep our spirits high. We have a family environment of sorts. It feels like all of us are together in this," says Williams, who is looking forward to winning more games this season.

Despite a strong lineup, the team's last ISL win was in 2019. However, there has been an instance after that when the team has been in the finals but has not been able to bag the trophy. The national team's captain and goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu is hoping to break the jinx this time. "It's been a while since we won the ISL. We came close two years ago when we went to the finals. We are very hungry for that moment and we want to show that conviction to leave all the teams behind to get that trophy," says Sandhu.

BFC's head coach Gerard Zaragoza Mulet joined the team last season. Sandhu confirms that there won't be much change in style. "Our coach Gerard joined us in the middle of last season, so obviously there was a change in style but not too much; we worked on how we want to play this season. We tried and tested ourselves in the pre-season tournament during the Durand Cup against teams like Mohun Bagan and Kerala Blasters. So the training has been good," he says.

Sandhu is particularly looking forward to playing against Mohun Bagan Supergiant this ISL. "One of the teams that has the potential is Mohun Bagan. I see them as a very strong competitor. I want to play against them and win! In the last few matches against them, we have not done that well. There have been moments when we were doing well against them but in the last minute, they have managed to take the game away. We're hoping to break that jinx this time," says an optimistic Sandhu.

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>
> Sunil Chhetri
> BFC captain

Gurpreet Singh Sandhu

SUFIYANA SERENADE

Sufi singer and composer Bismil, aka Mohd Asif, enthralls the audience with his soulful melodies on Sunday at the Phoenix Marketcity, Whitefield

This ongoing exhibition celebrates the centenary of Krishna Reddy, a pioneering printmaker and sculptor honoured with the Padma Shri and Kala Ratna for his contributions to modern Indian art

LEAVING AN INDELIBLE MARK

DESE GOWDA

IN the art world, some names become synonymous with movements or distinct styles. Sculptor and printmaker **Krishna Reddy** is not one of them. His work defies easy categorisation, and his place in art history resists neat definition. Yet, for those who encounter his prints or sculptures, Reddy's work feels like an open door: an invitation to wonder, to question, to continue exploring.

At the Museum of Art and Photography (MAP), Kasturba Road, the exhibition Rhyme Unbroken seeks to open that door wider, offering a glimpse into Reddy's multidisciplinary world. Running until January 5, '25, the exhibition marks the centenary of Reddy's birth, offering a contemplative insight into a man who was always learning, always searching for the next question.

Curated by Arnika Ahldag and Kuzhali Jaganathan, the show brings together 42 works, each presenting a different perspective on Reddy's life and art. However, as the curators emphasise, this is not a conventional retrospective. "Reddy himself often spoke about how being an artist means being a lifelong learner, maintaining a child-like curiosity," says Ahldag. "The exhibition is interspersed with quotes by Krishna Reddy, relating his often very philosophical thought to his work."

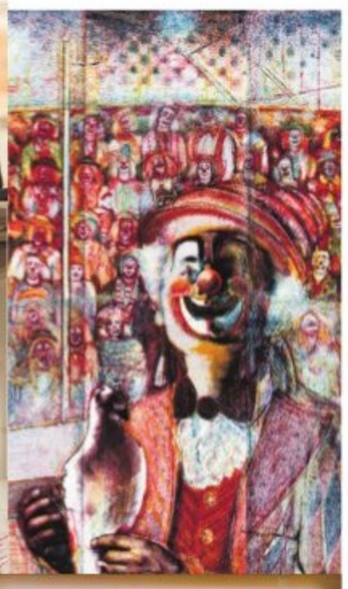
Born in Nandanoor, Andhra Pradesh, in 1925, Reddy was part of a generation of Indian artists who broke away from tradition, searching for new forms of expression. He trained at Santiniketan, the institution founded by Rabindranath Tagore to foster a closer connection between education, nature and the human spirit. Under the guidance of modernist pioneers such as Nandalal Bose and Ramkinkar Baij, Reddy learned early that art was more than technique – it was about seeing the world differently.

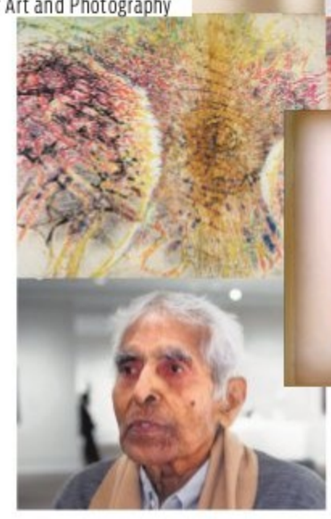
In the 1950s, Reddy moved to Paris, a city alive with creative energy in the aftermath of World War II. There, he connected with Atelier 17, a studio led by the revolutionary printmaker William Hayter. At Atelier 17, Reddy co-developed viscosity printing, a technique that allowed artists to layer colours in ways previously unimaginable. "Krishna Reddy's contribution to printmaking, particularly his collaboration with William Hayter on viscosity printing, is a key focus of the exhibition," says Ahldag. "His techniques revolutionised the medium by allowing for a deeper, more complex layering of colours and textures on a single plate. At the same time, they combine sculptural aspects (such as the making of the metal plate) and drawing in preparation for the plates."

Reddy's time in Paris was not solely about technique. He crossed paths with artists such as Alberto Giacometti and Joan Miró, immersing himself in the city's vibrant exchange of ideas. His work grew increasingly abstract, moving away from representational forms towards something more elemental and universal. A notable piece in the exhibition is Demonstrators, created in the wake of the 1968 Paris student protests. "Yet none of these artworks is a representation of what he saw, but more about how they made him reflect on the state of humanity," Ahldag explains.

What does Rhyme Unbroken mean for contemporary audiences? For some, it is an opportunity to discover Krishna Reddy for the first time. For others, it serves as a reminder that art is not always about providing answers. Sometimes, it is about asking questions – questions that span a lifetime, cross mediums and traverse continents. "I believe that Krishna Reddy's work is quite timeless," says Ahldag. "He was spiritual without being religious, he was a teacher without being didactic, and he viewed teaching as a process of mutual learning. He wasn't interested in nationhood. I do think these ideas deeply resonate with audiences today."

Artworks displayed at the Museum of Art and Photography





CITY READ

New corporate wellness platform launched for employee well-being

Medifit, a leading player in the corporate wellness industry, recently launched its cutting-edge corporate wellness platform, MIBOSO, at the Peak Performance Summit-2024 at Prestige Falcon Tower. The event, aimed at transforming workplace fitness, brought together high-profile attendees and showcased the company's commitment to enhancing employee well-being through its innovative platform. MIBOSO integrates mind, body, and soul to boost employee performance, offering tailored wellness solutions for all age groups. Dr Shardul Sinha, founder & chairman of Medifit, and other key figures were present at the event, emphasising the growing importance of workplace wellness beyond salary satisfaction.

Oktoberfest celebration till Oct 15

Ironhill Brewery, Marathahalli, is hosting a month-long Oktoberfest celebration till October 15. The event will feature exclusive craft beers brewed for the occasion and live music throughout the festival. The festival provides an opportunity for beer lovers to enjoy the rich flavours of Bavarian culture. Bookings are now open for tables, with limited spots available. Tickets start at `2,000++. For details, contact 96060 44623.

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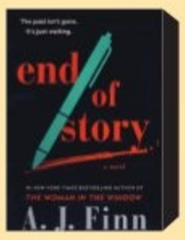
BOOK NOOK



End of Story
By AJ Finn

This psychological thriller ensnares readers in a web of suspense and secrets, exploring the darkest corners of the human mind. It follows a protagonist whose reality becomes as complex as the case they seek to solve.

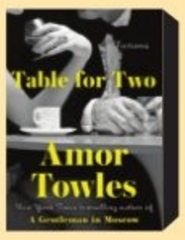


Table for Two
By Amor Towles

The book is a captivating collection of short stories and a novella, all interconnected by intimate conversations that shape lives. It highlights the transformative power of vulnerability and honesty in fostering self-discovery and connection, exploring the complexities of long-term relationships.

The Wedding People
By Alison Espach

In this brilliant blend of wit, compassion, and astute observation, the author explores the intricacies of human relationships with humour and empathy, delving into self-discovery, unexpected friendships, and the joy of chance encounters.

What Does it Feel Like?
By Sophie Kinsella

This novella celebrates life with warmth and humour, offering a poignant narrative that will both break and mend the heart. A beautiful love story that serves as a glowing beacon of hope amid darkness.

DUALITY IN ART

Artists Urmila VG and Venugopal VG showcase their work in the exhibition, Reflections: A Journey in Two Perspectives, at Art Houz, Vasanth Nagar | VINOD KUMAR T

DEAR LIFE

Preeti Shenoy
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Novelist, Illustrator, Speaker.

My 13-month-old is active but slow in reaching milestones. I've been offered a good opportunity at my job, but I'm torn between focusing on my baby or returning to work. I have no support from husband or in-laws. What should I do?

Returning to work after childbirth is always challenging, no matter what the child's age is. Don't worry about slow developmental milestones unless your doctor has expressed concern. Returning to work won't significantly impact milestones if your child receives proper nutrition and care. If you miss this chance, you might feel resentful later, especially as your child becomes independent. Parenting is demanding, and to be a good parent it's important to feel fulfilled as an individual. Hire a trusted caretaker who can provide full-time care for your toddler. Install CCTV cameras so you can monitor your child's well-being while you're at work, so you have peace of mind. Set boundaries at home and work, and don't hesitate to ask for help. You don't have to be perfect — be patient with yourself as you transition into this new role. Balancing work and parenting takes time, but thousands of mothers manage both. Good luck!

Send in your queries to askpreetishenoy@gmail.com

ASK AN XPERT

FITBIT

ARDHA USTRASANA
(HALF CAMEL POSE)

This is a beginner-level variation to prepare the body for the foundational pose, Ustrasana (Camel Pose). It develops the required flexibility-strength-stability to gradually transition into Ustrasana. This simple pose requires good core and knee strength, neck and shoulder flexibility, and awareness to balance. Hence, warm-up along with mastering the Kneeling Pose is a must. A heart-opening practice, it ensures the efficient functioning of the intercostal muscles, supporting the lungs to the fullest.

STEPS

- Start in Dandasana. Inhale, bend the legs one by one at the knees, and come to Vajrasana, toes touching and heels apart. Exhale.
- Keep your hands on the thighs, take a few breaths. Raise your spine and push your lower back onto the heels.
- Inhale, raise the body, back straight, and come on your knees.
- Tuck your navel in, keeping the knees and feet hip-width apart and aligning the hips, knees, and feet. Don't separate your legs and feet behind you. Be conscious of resting your feet.
- Stand on your knees tall, for a breath or two, preparing the mind for a backbend.
- Inhale, raise your arms overhead, lengthening from the armpits and sides of your rib cage.
- Press firmly into the tops of your feet. Inhale, raise upwards with abdomen tight.
- Exhale, drop your right arm on the right foot while simultaneously taking the upper body behind curved inwards and downwards in Half Camel Pose Variation Head Up.
- Finally, raise the chest upwards. Bring the spine inwards and release the head and neck backward while extending your left hand behind, palm facing up, at shoulder level.
- Breathe slowly and stay here for about six breaths, pushing the spine deeper with every exhalation.
- Slowly release the pose, come back to Kneeling Pose Arms Raised.
- Counter the stretch on the other side.
- Release and sit back in Vajrasana. Relax in Child Pose.

BENEFITS

- Strengthens the muscles of the legs, back, hips, chest, neck, arms and shoulders.
- Encourages the chest, rib cage, and front abdominal muscles.
- Activates inner thigh muscles, shin, knees, and ankles.
- Builds strength in the knees, thighs, lower back, and pelvis.
- Improves range of motion of the hips.
- Prepares the body for kneeling poses.
- Helps lift the chest high, opening the heart. Improves posture, correcting rounded shoulders.
- Promotes a smooth flow of prana (energy).
- Stimulates the internal organs of the kidney, gallbladder, liver, stomach, etc.
- Stretches the muscles of the neck, regulating thyroid glands.
- Treats disorders like constipation, colitis, and lack of appetite.
- Stimulates the reproductive and excretory systems.
- Good for runners, gymnasts, athletes, swimmers, and dancers.
- Helps teens or kids to develop strength of mind and body.

LIMITATIONS

- Students with weak musculature, general body weakness, or weak knees or arthritis, experiencing HBP or heart problems, epilepsy, severe lower back pain, herniated discs or weak back, migraine, vertigo, dizziness, or ailments related to the abdomen, trauma and anxiety, injuries at knee, ankle, legs, hip, lower back, spine, rib cage, neck, shoulders and arms, undergone recent surgery at knee, hip or abdomen, pregnant/postnatal women, and senior citizens must avoid this.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

QUICKFIX

CHOCOLATE BANANA HEALTHY FROZEN DESSERT

INGREDIENTS

- **Banana:** 1
- **Dark chocolate:** 1/4th cup
- **Salted Peanuts:** 2 tbsp

METHOD

- Mash up the banana on a plate.
- Melt some dark chocolate and pour it on the mashed banana.
- Roast some salted peanuts and top the banana with the peanuts.
- Freeze this for atleast 1-2 hours and enjoy!

Contributed by **Likitha Kopuru**, Bengaluru

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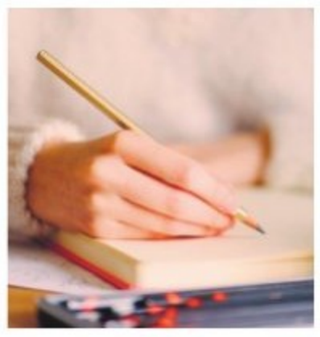


Master Drawing

Learn how to see and draw like an artist at this Visual Literacy and Drawing Essentials workshop. Perfect for those pursuing careers in creative fields or looking to master classical drawing techniques as you get to gain insight into 3D to 2D translation used by top artists.

WHEN: September 21, 11am
WHERE: Bangalore Creative Circus, Yeshwanthpur
DETAILS: blrcreativecircus.com

A Musical Sojourn

Learn how to see and draw like an artist at this Visual Literacy and Drawing Essentials workshop. Perfect for those pursuing careers in creative fields or looking to master classical drawing techniques as you get to gain insight into 3D to 2D translation used by top artists.

WHEN: September 17, 7pm
WHERE: Bangalore International Centre, Domlur **DETAILS:** bangaloreinternationalcentre.org

Theatre Time

Witness the unravelling of a romantic-thriller in *Jugari Cross*, a play set in the Western Ghats. Follow a couple entangled in illegal trade, reflecting on contemporary issues like forest destruction and the black market.

WHEN: September 17, 7.30pm
WHERE: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Abstract Art

Explore a world of colours, textures, and emotions at this art exhibition. Dive into abstract works created with acrylics and other mediums, reflecting inner journeys and the interconnectedness of global experiences.

WHEN: September 17, 12pm
WHERE: Urban Solace Cafe, Halasuru **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

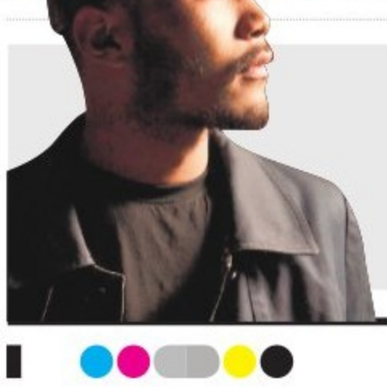
Escape Challenge

Test your problem-solving skills at this live escape game where teams solve puzzles to escape in 60 minutes. A thrilling global sensation, it's perfect for team-building or fun with friends and family.

WHEN: September 17, 5pm
WHERE: Mystery Rooms, Indiranagar
DETAILS: 95991 89424

Bollywood Tribute

Celebrate two iconic Bollywood stars, Rajendra Kumar and **Manoj Kumar**, with a musical tribute. Enjoy the golden hits of these legends, including a nod to Sanjeev Kumar's memorable songs. **WHEN:** September 22, 6pm **WHERE:** Khincha Auditorium, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Sampangi Rama Nagar **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com



Fusion Love

Enjoy a captivating evening of live performances featuring artistes Mary Ann Alexander's soulful R&B, **LOJAL's** genre-fusing energy, and more.

WHEN: September 21, 8.30pm
WHERE: Fandom at Gilly's Redefined, Koramangala
DETAILS: insider.in

ART CORNER

A JOURNEY OF DEVOTION

In artist S Moe Z's paintings, one will find the importance of light set against darkness

Shivan Bhatiya and Narresh Kukreja

HOT COUTURE

Designers Shivan Bhatiya and Narresh Kukreja on the inspiration and philosophy behind their iconic creations as they launch their latest collection...

Beyoncé in SHIVAN & NARRESH

RESHMI CHAKRAVORTY

REMEMBER Beyoncé wearing a bodysuit adorned with over a thousand crystals along with flowing raffia trails? That's by SHIVAN & NARRESH, a luxury holiday wear brand. Their blend of innovative design, bold aesthetics, and commitment to body positivity and sustainability has set them apart in the fashion industry. As they launch their Couture Series IV collection, *CE* speaks to co-founders Shivan Bhatiya and Narresh Kukreja, who also serve as head designer and creative director, respectively. **Excerpts.**

■Tell us about the collection.
With Couture Series IV, the brand builds on the artistic vision of [Swedish artist] Hilma af Klint, delving into themes of spirituality and the divine. The series blends a bold and graphic approach with contemporary textured embroidery, crafting a couture language that is unique and free-spirited.

■What sort of colours and techniques were used?
It features a striking colour palette that transitions from silky sterling and playful blush to bold carmines, dramatic inky, and rich jade. This series highlights contrasting embroideries, celebrating graphic motifs adorned with shimmering metallic and glass beads, bold pearls in various monochromatic tones and sizes, and intricate textures crafted from silk threads and organzas. It has a blend of couture techniques, including textile appliqué, hand-crocheted silk details, and 3D beadwork.

■Can you share the story behind your signature style?
It is rooted in our passion for art and travel. We draw inspiration from various artists and art movements, translating into artistic prints that become iconic for our connoisseurs. In our line, the bold graphic qualities of our embroideries reflect this vision. Travel is a central theme in our designs, aiming to evoke the dream of an ideal getaway and immerse our clients in the art of holidays.

■What were some of the biggest challenges you faced when establishing your brand, and how did you overcome them?
When we launched, our biggest challenge, and opportunity, was the absence of an existing market. Creating that market from scratch was both overwhelming and exhilarating. We had to establish a complete supply chain, from sourcing fabrics to finding skilled tailors capable of handling the technical demands of swimwear. Additionally, educating customers on how to shop for swimsuits and adapting designs for all body types was crucial. Especially back in the 2010s, bold swimwear structures were not widely embraced.

■Your brand has become synonymous with luxury and glamour. What has been your proudest moment in your career so far?
One of the most significant moments for our brand was dressing Beyoncé for her performance in India. It was incredibly rewarding to see her choose our creation. Seeing it shine on such a global stage was an unforgettable highlight.

■For this festive season, what's trending?
This festive season, the focus is on easy-to-wear fabrics and tailored *sarees* that combine comfort with style. Expect beautiful colours, unique prints, bold graphic embroideries and ensembles that are not only simple to wear but also designed to ensure a quality experience.

■What's next?
You'll see significant advancements in the home space, which has been one of the fastest-growing categories in recent years.

THE DREAMY DWELLINGS

OPEN SPACE
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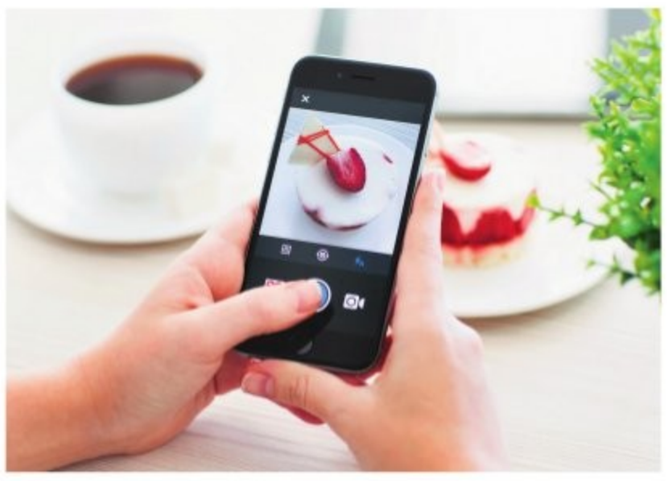

LAST week, a group of youngsters sat in a tony restaurant in upmarket Bengaluru, ordered some designer dishes and set about clicking them on high-end mobiles. With some preens and some pouts. The plates of victuals were barely delectable and didn't contribute much by way of a wholesome, fulfilling meal, but by the end of the evening, the youngsters had enough digital fodder for their videos and reels for the next few days.

They didn't mind that the dishes had burnt substantial holes in their pockets, their saving grace was their Instaworthiness; they would announce on social media that the group had been there (a Bollywood diva's venture), done that. That's life in a metro these days.

Food, clothes, travel, births, weddings, even death... everyday events to milestones hinge on what can be shot and uploaded, and how insta-genic your life can look – with or without filters. It would seem that the young lead dual lives today – one in humdrum reality, and another in unrealistic dreamlike frames infused with an abundance of beauty and joy. One masks the other. That's life on an app, it's not easy but it's addictive.

And it's an addiction which is claiming lives, going by a spate of suicides over the past many months – teenagers denied mobiles, or deprived of them, or reprimanded for addiction to the gadget, have preferred to die. Just like that. Not a thought for the parents who couldn't afford to buy expensive phones, or who were only trying to discipline them, or even for the myriad possibilities that life held for them.

Deprivation never did kill anyone. Flashback to the days when owning your own small Kodak 35mm roll film camera was a dream for which one was expected to scrimp and save. When you would push in the roll, snap the camera shut and were ready to shoot. Each exposure of 24 or 36 was used sparingly, and a retake was a luxury. There was no insta-gratification, and certainly no pouts. Developing the film roll was an overnight process, and the precious prints had to be collected from the studio before one could gaze at the fine points and faults.

Even today, these are cherished frames which captured forever memories and expressions and are carefully preserved in albums brought out from time to time to relive another age. More precious than the millions of ephemeral daily clicks which vanish onto the cloud, or slip away, forgotten, in the digital recesses of the mobile.

(The writer's views are personal)

THE MORE LOVING ONE

LOVEOLOGY
Mahesh Natarajan

(The author is a counsellor with InnerSight)

ONE of the most popular English poems on love is from WH Auden:

How should we like it
were stars to burn,
With a passion for us we
could not return?
If equal affection cannot be,
Let the more loving one
be me

With the power that only poetry, and maybe art to some degree, has to move people's hearts, this particular stanza has been quoted in some version or another by lovers over the decades to talk about how they love and how much they love. It is a potent thing to tell someone in whom you are interested that you don't even want equal affection to be there between the two of you, and that you would happily be the more loving one should such reciprocity not be there. To be loving in such a way feels very special indeed.

One can imagine the scene very well: a star-struck lover looking doe-eyed at the star that so struck our poor lover, declaiming these lines with love and longing, and declaring that to just be allowed to love is enough, and to be loved back equally is not really needed. Perhaps you have been there sometimes as well. It feels very special, a very sweet pain indeed, to love so dearly that it feels like we are in love with love itself, that we can really feel what the poets are going on and on about when they are celebrating love as pure, innocent, tender and so on.

In this world, we imagine if our lover was to say 'I love you,' the only response possible is 'I love you more,' not even 'Love you too!'

That said, when we are not in the throes of such affectation, it bears some consideration – how much of an unequal affection are we really okay to bear, and for how long? Would we really be alright if we knew that the imbalance would be forever, and maybe never in the other direction? What if the imbalance was only guaranteed to get more and more pronounced to the point where there is hardly any affection at all coming our way? Would that still be something we want? Would we think it is healthy to continue to want to be the one who loves more? Auden has an opinion just a few syllables later. The poem's last stanza goes like this:

Were all stars to disappear
or die,
I should learn to look at an
empty sky,
And feel it's total dark
sublime,
Though this might take me
a little time

If this object of our affection were to get distant or even disappear, we are still likely to find life itself quite sublime. We will get over it, Auden thinks – even if it takes a little time. Not too many people quote these lines. It doesn't quite have the romance of saying that we want to be the more loving one, but it is worth holding with the same reverence. We will be ok even if there is no love and just total darkness.

(The writer's views are personal)

NUGGETS

Science and robotics competition held

The international science and robotics competition, Mekathlon 2024's Bengaluru edition, concluded on Monday with 16 teams from robotics and 39 teams from the science category advancing to the grand finale in November. Participants competed in hands-on STEM projects, including robotics challenges and sustainable development science exhibitions. Countries participating in the competition include Malaysia, Singapore, and more.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Latha Sanil D/o Narayana Poojary aged about 51 years, Residing at Sobha Dream Acres, Flat No:20061 Wing 20, Balagere, Panathur Road, Bangalore-560087, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **LATHA SANIL M to LATHA SANIL** vide affidavit dated 16.09.2024 sworn to before K.V.Jagannath Reddy Advocate & Notary, Bangalore.

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I, VIMALA SATHANUR MUNEGOWDA W/o KUMAR SATHANUR THAMMANNA, aged about 51 years, residing at No.2, Uttanahalli Road, Vidyanagar Cross, Bettahalasuru Post, Bangalore-562157, I have changed my name from **VIMALA MUNEGOWDA to VIMALA SATHANUR MUNEGOWDA** vide affidavit dated 16.09.2024 sworn to before N.Nagappa, Advocate & Notary, Bangalore.

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I, **VINAYAKUMARA NIDASALE PUTTASWAMAIAH** R/at No.14/1, Ground Floor, 1st Cross, Byatarayanapura New Extension, Bengaluru-560026 have changed my name to **VINAY KUMAR NIDASALE PUTTASWAMAIAH** vide affidavit dated: 16/9/2024 Before Notary **SIVAKUMARA.M.N** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, M. Manjula, M/O service No: 2625310A, Rank - Sepoy, M. Vignesh resident of 10 Madras, Jummu (Bedi Body) do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that I have changed my DOB from 20/12/1977 change to 01/01/1973 vide an affidavit signed before Notary, Karvetinagaram, Chittoor dt, AP. On 10/09/2024.

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I, **NIHIRA**, D/o ANILKUMAR MASALI, No. 652, 3rd Floor 9th Main, Vinayaka Layout 2nd Stage, Nagarabhavi Bengaluru - 560072 Karnataka, have changed my name as **NIHIRA ANILKUMAR MASALI** at Bengaluru.

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I, **TUSHARA R** residing at No.347, 3rd Main Road, VHBCS Layout, Marenahalli, Vijayanagar, Bangalore North, Bangalore, Karnataka- 560040, solemnly declare:- that I changed my name from **TUSHARA to TUSHARA R** vide affidavit dated 12/09/2024 sworn to before **K C SHASHIKALA** Advocate and Notary Public, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) A THANU RAI,** Mother of NO.16121711L NK A RAVINDER, Residing at Gangapur (Vill & Post), Rebbena (MD), Adilabad (Dist), TELANGANA (State), PIN: 504292, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) ADE TANU BAI,** And **DOB** from **09.08.1961** to **09.08.1953** Vide Affidavit Dated 13.09.2024 Sworn Before Notary S.I. BALAGURU BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) P VELANKANNI MAGIMAI NAYAGI,** Spouse of NO.15325078F HAV P VELANKANNI, Residing at Nedungamput (Vill), Madam (Post), Manalur Patti (Tehsil), Viluppuram (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 605759, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) P VELANGANNI MAGIMAI NAYAGI,** Vide Affidavit Dated 12.09.2024 Sworn Before Notary S.I. BALAGURU BANGALORE

AFFIDAVIT
I, **RAHINI M R**, W/o. Madhava Rao M, aged about 40 years, residing at No. 40, 15th Cross, Bandappa Garden, Behind J.P. Park, Muthyala Nagar, Bengaluru-560054., do hereby declare that **YOHAN MADHAVA RAO** as well as **YOHAN RAO** both names are belongs to my son name only and one and the same person, vide affidavit dated 13.09.2024, sworn to before G.B. Turamari, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VINAY HEGDE** S/O Srikanth Hegde residing at F004, SSV D Nisarga 2 Apartments, Subhash Nagar, Valagerahalli Behind Bethesda School, Kengeri Satellite Town, Bangalore South, Kengeri Bengaluru, Karnataka- 560060, solemnly declare:-that I changed my name from **VINAYA KUMARA SHRIKANTHA HEGADE** to **VINAY HEGDE** vide affidavit dated 16/09/2024 sworn to before **K C SHASHIKALA** Advocate and Notary Public, Bengaluru

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I, **VIJAYA BADARINATH (Old Name)** aged about 67 years residing at No.21, Sriramcharan, 2nd Main, Basappa layout, GavipuramExtension, Bangalore 560019 have changed my name to **VIJAYA BADRINATH(New Name)** vide Affidavit dtd. 13.9.2024 sworn before Notary Public M.DEEPA, Bapuji Nagar, Bangalore

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I, **(OLD NAME) A POCHAIAH,** Father of NO. 16121711L, NK RAVINDER, Residing at Gangapur (Vill & Post), Rebbena (MD), Adilabad (Dist), TELANGANA (State), PIN: 504292, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) ADE POCHAIAH,** And **DOB** from **02.06.1953** to **02.06.1951** Vide Affidavit Dated 13.09.2024 Sworn Before Notary S.I. BALAGURU BANGALORE.

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CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JAGANNATH** S/o A Chandra Sekhar, Aged 31years, resident of No.14/D, 10th 'B' Cross, 4th Main, R.K Layout, 1 Stage, Padmanabhanagar, Bengaluru 560070, have changed my name from **JAGANNATH** to **JAGANNATH ALUR**, vide affidavit dated 15-09-2024 sworn before notary B.K.R Krishnamurthy, Reg. No.1351, Bengaluru.

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CHANGE OF NAME
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YELAKUNNI

REVIVES VAJRAMUNI WITH ORIGINAL VOICE USING CUTTING-EDGE TECHNOLOGY

The teaser has ignited immense excitement, with fans particularly thrilled by Komal Kumar's compelling portrayal of yesteryear's villain

A SHARADHAA

IN a cinematic revival, *Yelakunni* is all set to bring back yesteryear's late iconic actor Vajramuni to the big screen. Actor Komal Kumar takes centre stage, embodying the legendary character with remarkable authenticity. Recently, the teaser for *Yelakunni* was unveiled on Komal Kumar Studios' YouTube channel, and it has brought the iconic villain to life in spectacular fashion. The teaser has ignited immense excitement, with fans particularly thrilled by Komal Kumar's compelling portrayal of Vajramuni.

Vajramuni, a celebrated figure in Kannada cinema, is known for his distinctive style and powerful voice. His portrayal of villainous roles set a high standard, making him a significant role model for many actors specialising in such characters. Komal Kumar has embraced the bold challenge of reviving the actor on the big screen, achieving an extraordinary 99% imitation of Vajramuni's signature style and dialogue delivery. The film, aptly titled *Yelakunni*, pays a heartfelt homage to Vajramuni by weaving his iconic dialogue into the storyline with the tagline, 'Mera Naam Vajramuni' (My Name is Vajramuni).

Interestingly, the film's most innovative feature is its use of Vajramuni's original voice—a notoriously difficult element to replicate. Thanks to cutting-edge technology, Vajramuni's authentic voice has been seamlessly integrated into the film. While Komal Kumar has managed to emulate Vajramuni's mannerisms and dialogue, the voice technology brings the legendary actor's voice back to life, creating a powerful sense of nostalgia.

Produced by Anusoooya, Komal Kumar, and Sahana Murthy under the banners of Soundarya Cine Combines and Narasimha Cinemas, *Yelakunni* is directed by NR Pradeep. Pradeep has also crafted the story, screenplay, lyrics, and dialogues, adding depth and coherence to the project.

Adding a special touch to the film, *Yelakunni* marks the big-screen debut of Akarsh, the grandson of the late Vajramuni. This connection adds a deeply personal element to the film. *Yelakunni* will feature Komal Kumar stepping into a double role for the first time. The film's narrative includes significant scenes set in 1981, filmed in the historically rich locales of Srirangapatna and Mysore. Some sequences will also be shot in an ancient temple near Ganjam.

The cast also features notable actors such as Jaggesh's son Yathiraj, Mahantesh, Jayasimha Musuri, Arvind Rao, Manju Pavagada, Raju Talikote, Shivaraj, Biradar, Venkatesh Prasad, Umesh Sakarnadu, and Anil Yadav. *Yelakunni*'s technical crew comprises music composer Dharmavish, cinematographer Uday Leela and editor Deepu S.

Komal Kumar

'For a filmmaker, cinema transcends language'

Says Pavithran, the veteran Tamil director, who discusses his Kannada debut *Karki*, set for release this week

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IN the 1990s, the name Pavithran was prominent with hit films like *Suryan*, *I Love India*, *Indhu*, and *Kalloori Vaasal*. Known for his storytelling prowess, Pavithran first made his mark with his directorial debut *Vasanthakala Paravai*, which starred Ramesh Aravind. He also played a role in introducing Kannada actress Sudharani to Tamil cinema. After a notable hiatus, including his last film Dharavi in 2018, Pavithran is back in the spotlight with his Kannada debut *Karki*, produced by Prakash Palani under the Third Eye Media, which is set to release this week.

Speaking to *CE*, Pavithran shares insights about his upcoming film. "*Karki* is a project close to my heart. We've crafted a story that I believe will offer Kannada audiences a refreshing and engaging cinematic experience," he says with enthusiasm.

According to the writer and director, *Karki* draws inspiration from the Tamil hit Pariyerum Perumal, though Pavithran emphasizes that significant changes have been made. "We took key elements from Pariyerum Perumal but adapted the story to fit the Kannada context. The film explores themes of class struggle, love, and social commentary, all while being commercially appealing," he explains.

He further reveals that the story will also be adapted into Hindi under the title Dhadak 2. "The soul of the story remains the same, but we've tailored it for different audiences. It's exciting to see how it will be received in Kannada," Pavithran adds.

Karki features Jai Prakash Reddy in the lead role with Meenakshi as the heroine, and also includes Sadhu Kokila, Bala Rajwadi, Yathiraj, Mimicry Gopi, Swathi, and Savitha. "Jai Prakash plays a lawyer whose character symbolizes hard work and integrity," Pavithran explains. "His role conveys the film's message: diligence, regardless of caste, brings success. Meenakshi portrays a character from an affluent background, and her role is crucial," he mentions.

Reflecting on his experience working in the Kannada industry, Pavithran notes, "For a filmmaker, cinema transcends language. My previous film, Dharavi, was shot in Bengaluru with a local crew, and I was impressed by their dedication and hard work. The experience has been rewarding."

With music by Arjun Janya and cinematography by Hrishikesh, *Karki* also features editing by Sri Crazy Minds. "We've worked to ensure that *Karki* is not just another film but an experience that will connect with audiences," Pavithran concludes.

A still from the film

Ritika plays Roopa in Rajinikanth's *Vettaiyan*

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RITIKA will play a cop, Roopa, the glimpse shows her in action in a stunt sequence. Dushara Vijayan will play Saranya, whose glimpse suggests she will be essaying the role of a teacher.

Earlier in the day, it was announced that the film's audio launch will take place on September 20 at Chennai's Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium. Vettaiyan, by Jai Bhim director TJ Gnanavel, stars an ensemble cast that includes Amitabh Bachchan (in his Tamil debut), Fahadh Faasil, Rana Daggubati, Manju Warrier, Ritika Singh, Dushara Vijayan, Abhirami and VJ Rakshan. Amitabh Bachchan and Rajinikanth are reuniting for this film after 33 years. Their last film was Hum, which was released in 1991.

Previously, in May, it was announced that Rajinikanth wrapped shooting for his portions in the film. Vettaiyan has music by Anirudh. This marks Anirudh's fourth collaboration with Rajinikanth. Other members of the technical crew include cinematographer SR Kathir and editor Philomin Raj.

Bhairadevi locks release date

The film, set to hit theatres for the Dasara festival, stars Radhika Kumaraswamy as a female Aghora and Ramesh Aravind in the role of a cop

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RADHIKA Kumaraswamy, who was last seen in *Ravi Bopanna* (2022), is making a comeback after a break. She is eagerly preparing for the release of her next film, Bhairadevi. Also backed by Radhika, the film is scheduled to hit theatres on October 3. The makers have scheduled the release to coincide with the very first day of the Navaratri festival.

With the film's release date announced, Radhika Kumaraswamy has hit the road to promote *Bhairadevi* in a truly unconventional manner. To kick off the promotional campaign, she took the driver's seat of an autorickshaw, a gesture that resonated deeply with the local community. The event was notable not only for Radhika's involvement but also for the enthusiastic participation of numerous autorickshaw drivers, both male and female. To further amplify the film's reach, vibrant posters featuring *Bhairadevi* will be displayed on autos across the state, ensuring that the film's message is spread far and wide.

Directed by Shrijai, who has also written the screenplay and dialogues, *Bhairadevi* sees Radhika Kumaraswamy in a fascinating character—a female Aghora—which is quite different from her previous roles and adds a unique element to the film. Ramesh Aravind will be seen in the role of a police officer in the upcoming film. The star cast also includes Rangayana Raghu, Ravishankar, Skanda Ashok, Anu Mukherjee, Malavika Avinash, and Suchendra Prasad.

Bhairadevi is produced by Ravi Raj and Yadav. On the technical front, the film will have cinematography by JS Wali, music by KK Senthil Prasad, and editing by Ravi Chandran.

Radhika Kumaraswamy

'DIDN'T WANT TO PLAY A SERIAL KILLER JUST FOR SHOCK VALUE'

KARTIK BHARDWAJ

VIKRANT Massey does a 180-degree turn with *Sector 36*. After essaying the role of an exemplary IAS aspirant in *12th Fail*, he embodies a serial killer with a penchant for kids in this cat-and-mouse thriller. The film also marks the debut of Aditya Nimbalkar, who has learnt the ropes while working with acclaimed director Vishal Bhardwaj. Vikrant calls *Sector 36* a story of the "times we live in." We speak to the actor and director on whether the film was inspired by the 2006 Nithari killings, how Vikrant didn't want his portrayal of a psychopath to be "gimmicky" if the character messed with his head and more.

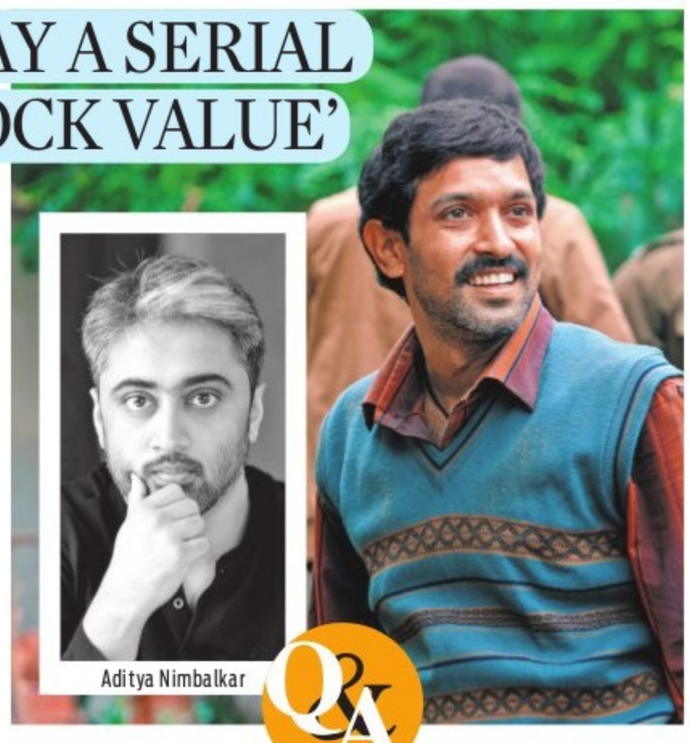
Excerpts:

Vikrant, would you say that the urge to do something different made you say yes to this role?

Vikrant Massey: At a surface level the reason would be this. I wanted to take a shot at playing a character I hadn't done before. It was surely a challenge. But, one major reason I did this film was because I felt it was one of the most important stories of our time. When I was contemplating being part of *Sector 36*, a lot of my advisers were doubtful as to whether it was the right film to do at a time when I had become a "commercial actor". When I heard that label, I wanted to do it even more.

Aditya, this is your debut. Every director wants his first to be a theatrical...

Aditya Nimbalkar: Honestly, I desired it too but we were getting a platform like Netflix so I was content. In today's day and age, not every film gets the big screen, I understand that. Moreover, *Sector 36* is a film made for personalized watching. I wouldn't exactly call it a commercial film.


Aditya Nimbalkar

Q&A

You have extensively worked with Vishal Bhardwaj as an assistant director. You were also credited as co-writer for Talvar (2015). How much of his style influenced your filmmaking?

AN: Almost all of it. Showing the film to him was one of my most nervous screenings. It was only him and me in the in-house theatre at the Maddock Films office. He really liked it. Our relationship is such that he didn't shy away from giving his critique of certain portions that didn't work for him.

Although it's not explicitly stated, *Sector 36* seems to be inspired by the 2006 Nithari killings...

AN: We actually took inspiration from multiple events and cases that have happened all over the country. This film is told through the prism of Deepak Dobriyal's cop Ram Charan Pandey and how he clashes with Vikrant's Prem Singh.

VM: It is a story that is rooted in realism but there is also a lot of symbolism and metaphor. Deepak's character is the conscience of the film. It is about two opposite forces colliding with each other. It's a yin and yang story. Prem and Ram are two facets of a society which we all have witnessed in life.

Vikrant, you have often described yourself as a sensitive individual. Playing a serial killer must have taken a toll on your psyche. Were you a little bit apprehensive while taking up the role?

VM: I was apprehensive, but not in terms of how the character will affect my emotional and mental health. After working for years, I know how to separate my personal and professional life. I didn't want it to be gimmicky, I was wary of that. I didn't want to play a serial killer to grab attention or for shock value. The apprehension was more when it came to how we were going to execute it. We have had so many serial killers in films before and I didn't want to play this one in an over-the-top manner. But there is no denying that there is some impact the character leaves you with. As actors, we live so many lives in one life. There are days when you get sleepless nights, but I guess that's the nature of the job. That's what you sign up for.

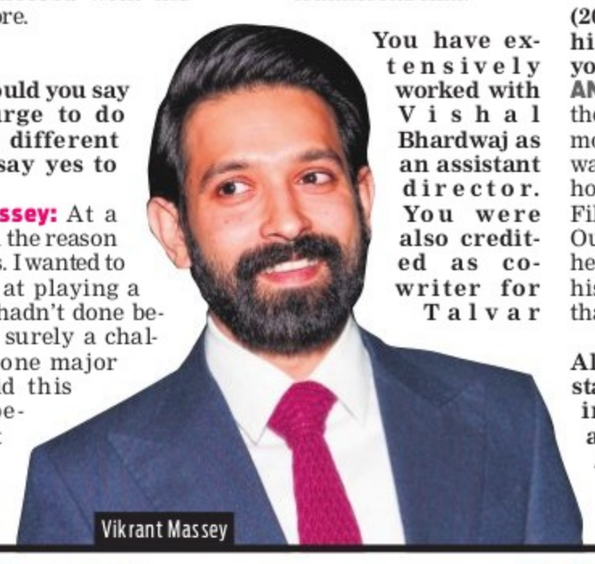
Deepak Dobriyal plays the conscientious cop while Vikrant is the psychopathic killer. Did you guys ever consider a flip in roles?

AN: No, actually. I mean I knew both would have killed it in either of the characters but that never crossed my mind.

VM: I can actually tell you why it could not have happened. I don't think I could have justified Deepak's part because, for the character of Ram Charan, I didn't have the personal experiences needed for that. However, that doesn't mean I had any experience of being a serial killer.

That we'll never know...

No, no, nothing like that (laughs).


Vikrant Massey

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